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Town meeting addresses grading

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On Tuesday, October 27, the Student Council Committee to Assist the Vice President for Institutional Relations held a Student Town Meeting to discuss the problem with the current grading standards at Hopkins, and to start talking about possible solutions. The meeting took place at 5 p.m. in the Garrett Room of the MSE Library.

The committee is chaired by Shawn Ahmad, the Student Council VPIR, and its members are: Harpriye Juneja, President of the Wall Street Advantage and the Student Chair of the Second Decade Society; and Hari Chandra.

In total, nine students attended, one of whom was a graduate student from the School of Public Health, and the vast majority of the rest in atten-

dance were freshmen. Student turnout to the meeting may have been low due to the advertising difficulties.

Some people had seen signs that said the meeting was scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., and the Sophomore class was told in a mass e-mail that the meeting was in the AMR Lounge.

At the start of the meeting, the chairs summarized the problem with the current grading policy. Hopkins students are being penalized in comparison to students from peer institutions because our grading standards are more difficult.

The difference in GPAs between Hopkins students and those from other schools is seen as detrimental to students applying to graduate schools, professional schools, and finding employment.

This is also true for students entering the business world, in which

Hopkins graduates have not pursued as vigorously. More Hopkins graduates have applied for business positions in recent years, as indicated by the fact that 15 percent of last year's graduating class applied for a job at the investment firm of Morgan Stanley. This has led to concern that these students will not be competitive.

Many firms have GPA cutoffs, some as high as 3.7. However, they are basing these cutoffs on high-ranking schools where those kind of grades may be easier to get.

A study published by the Committee of Financing Higher Education study was recently distributed. This showed that amongst the top twenty-seven universities in the country, Hopkins has the lowest GPA, tied with one other school. The exact

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Odyssey discusses free speech

BY EMILY ENGEL
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Taboos and norms were both put to the test against free speech and censorship at the Odyssey's Annual Media Forum on Wednesday, October 28. The debate covered banned books and art as well as issues of First Amendment rights and the role of government in censorship.

Chita Levine, chairman of the Media Forum, introduced the two speakers, Joan Bertin and Dinesh D'Souza, to a large crowd, which included members of the Hopkins staff and the community, in the auditorium in Bloomberg.

Joan Bertin, executive director of the National Coalition on Censorship, was the first to speak. She introduced her topic with a description of the 100 books recently published as the top books of all-time. She emphasized that of the top 10 books, seven of them had been banned in the United States at one point, including *Ulysses* and *The Great Gatsby*, the top two books on the list. She quipped, "It's quite a distinction to be judged to be the best and to be banned with the same work."

Her point was that great works are often censored due to fear and ignorance became clear when she showed slides of paintings and sculptures that had been banned in the last decade. Among them were provocative photographs of children and Rodin's "The Kiss." She juxtaposed such works to prove that to censor one thing and not another is unconstitutional; free speech applies to all works.

"If I like it, it's erotic, if you like it

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DOUG HOUSMAN/NEWS-LETTER

"I have the stupidest show on television," Springer told the rowdy crowd.

Springer visits Hopkins

BY ALEXA ROGGEVEEN
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Jerry Springer, the infamous host of the number one rated daytime television show in the country, visited Hopkins last week, marking the third Milton S. Eisenhower Symposium event of 1998, amid some questions about inappropriate use of influence by the Symposium chairs.

Shriver Hall was standing room only for the talk-show host, famed for his outrageous guests and his show's frequent fights.

Due to his huge popularity, approximately 100 students were forced out of Shriver Hall and directed to Maryland 110, where they could watch Springer's speech on closed-circuit television. Even then, some students were forced out of Maryland, unable to see Springer speak at all. In desperation, approximately 25 people attempted to infiltrate Shriver through the back entrance, some claiming need of access to a bathroom, until thwarted by campus security.

Five television stations were

present at the event: CSPAN, Fox, NBC, CBS, and French Television.

Before the event began, students filled the room with shouts, chants, and paper airplanes floating from the balcony above. To shouts demanding "Jerry," Omar Khan and Robert Fisher, the two MSE Symposium chairs, attempted to introduce Springer and to quiet the crowd. Unsuccessful, Springer was brought out on stage to a thunderous reception.

"I was amazed by the size of the crowd," Springer remarked later.

"It was a wonderful reception," Springer began his remarks by stating that "I have the stupidest show on television," following by saying that his show was "a one-hour escape from the world."

"It's not important that anybody likes this show," he said.

Instead, Springer affirmed that it was only important that people recognize why the show should be protected, saying that arguments against it are "the highest form of elitism."

"I have never ever met a human being who couldn't be on a talk

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CHUNG LEE/NEWS-LETTER

Students gathered on Tuesday night to voice their opinions and discuss the grading policy at Hopkins.

Class '02 elects officers

BY ANNE SOROCK
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Freshman class officers were chosen by the students in this week's general election, the results of which were announced at last Wednesday night's student council meeting. Jenny Chiang won for President, Anuj Mittal for Vice-President, Emily Petersen for secretary/treasurer, and Shobi Ahmed, Stephen Goutman, and Priya Sarin for Representatives.

The candidates for this election had been announced at the October 21st council meeting. Two candidates each were nominated for the offices of president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer, and five for freshman representative.

Two candidates, Sakar Pudasaini for President and Dave Yu for Vice-President had been disqualified from the running and will have a hearing before the board.

Though the campaigning for the primary election had been very enthusiastic, candidates were not as active in the second week of the general election.

Shobi Ahmed, candidate for freshman representative, commented: "The primaries were much more intense than this week has been."

Despite the decline in activity on the part of the candidates, voter turn-

out remained relatively high for both elections. The primary election had a total of 727 students voting, which is 74 percent of the freshman class.

The student council Board of Elections attributes most of the credit to the increased voting hours and general effort on the part of upperclassmen involved with student council.

"This is the first time that the seniors remember where three out of every four voted. Credit goes both to members of the board and to the student council, who were really great," said Board of Elections co-chair Tom Noone.

The high voter turnout was welcomed by those on student council who had worked hard to make the election a success.

"We are extremely happy. This reflected all the time and effort all of our board has put in since the beginning of the semester," added Adnan Malik, co-chair of the Board of Elections.

Though pleased with the high voter turnout, many of the candidates restated their earlier beliefs that freshmen didn't have enough of a chance to learn about those who were running.

Student Council had tried to remedy this by hosting a candidate's forum before the primary, but accord-

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Underclassmen attend the second Major Fair

■ Campus Life:

Students hear about different possible majors from their departments

BY EDWARD-ISAAC DOVERE
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The Majors Fair was held Wednesday, October 28, in the Glass Pavillion. Organized by the Office of Academic Advising, the Fair is designed to give Freshmen and Sophomores an opportunity to explore the areas of study available to Hopkins undergraduates.

The goal of the fair, according to Dr. Richard Sanders of the Office of Academic Advising, is "to give students a chance to talk with department representatives about different majors and minors." The Advising Coordinators for each major were present, ready to discuss everything from reasons to pursue specific majors to the courses required to do so.

Housing Office warns residents about recent damage to dorms



PHIL ANDREWS/NEWS-LETTER

Costly damage to Wolman Hall over the past few weekends will be charged to students living in the building.

BY JEREMY GORELICK
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Last week, the Wolman Housing Office circulated a memo to all residents alerting them of recent dorm damages and warning them that all charges incurred for these damages will be billed to residents. According to the Housing Office, residents can expect to be charged a sizable amount by the end of the year.

Student Housing Supervisor Joseph Goodman said that he anticipates that the total charges for the first semester for students living in Wolman will be \$2000, to be divided

equally among residents. In determining how much money to charge students for dorm damages, Housing considers damage that occurs within the elevator lobbies or common areas outside of the wing doors. Wall damage done in the hallways in Wolman Hall over the last several weekends totals to approximately \$1300. This figure is simply for holes in the plaster and does not encompass any additional wing charges.

For all students living in a given wing, the Housing Office enforces the charges as a blanket cost. If someone were to break a light in a wing, then the entire wing would need to bear

the cost of purchasing a new one. The cost of a new light globe is \$30; a new light cover in an elevator is \$100.

Students have little chance to appeal these costs. McCoy Hall Security Guard James Walsh said, "The Housing Department can only charge an individual if he or she admits blame for the incident." Goodman concurred with this statement, stating that he "could only work with the information that students report to their Resident Advisors or to the Housing Department itself." Thus, if there are no individuals willing to bear responsibility for damage, the cost

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There's no better way to get ready for Halloween than to start carving a jack-o-lantern. If you don't have a pumpkin handy, turn to B2 for our Halloween Focus. Page B2

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NEWS

NATIONAL & WORLD

French lab reports finding a nerve agent on several Iraqi warheads

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — A French laboratory found decomposed nerve agent on an Iraqi missile warhead — contrary to Iraqi claims — and chemical weapons experts reported Monday that it could be VX or sarin.

Discrepancies in results between laboratory tests taken three months apart and performed in various labs also raise questions about whether Iraq tried to hide just what was inside the warheads.

The French findings were conducted on different missile fragments than those tested by a U.S. Army laboratory in the spring.

Those results, released in June, indicated traces of decayed VX nerve agent, a colorless, odorless liquid, a drop of which can kill in minutes.

Iraq has claimed it never was able to make enough VX, or stabilize it properly, to load into missiles.

Monday's report didn't say explicitly that VX was found in any of the new tests, which were conducted in American, French and Swiss laboratories.

But it did say the French laboratory reported finding a "degradation product of a nerve agent," in one of about 40 samples that could be from VX, sarin or another nerve agent called soman.

French experts said that what was found could have come merely from a harmless detergent, but U.S. experts said that the particular chemical found never was made into a detergent that has been sold commercially.

The report on the laboratories' findings, compiled after a meeting in New York by chemical weapons experts from seven countries, also raised questions about what happened to missile fragments after the U.S. tests.

The second round of tests found residue of a decayed decontamination compound that wasn't discovered in the original U.S. tests, the report said. According to the report,

there was "no obvious explanation," for why the original U.S. results didn't find the compound. The samples in the second round would have been in Iraqi possession after the Army lab's tests.

"It's a clear sign that they tampered with the samples in the interim," said David Kay, a former U.N. weapons inspector who now consults for Science Applications International Corp., in Washington.

The report doesn't suggest tampering.

It says, however, that the presence of decay from a decontamination compound counters Iraq's claim that 20 missile warheads tested had only been in contact with alcohol.

The use of such products indicates there may have been something more potent than alcohol, which wouldn't require a decontamination compound, inside the warhead that the Iraqis wanted to destroy.

The U.N. Special Commission, which carries out inspections in Iraq, and international chemical experts

suggested in their report that Iraq explain what happened to the fragments that were analyzed and why degradation products of nerve agents were found on some.

The commission must certify that Iraq has destroyed all its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons — and the long-range missiles used to deliver them — before the Security Council will lift sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, leading to the Persian Gulf War.

Iraq suspended cooperation with U.N. inspectors after the chief weapons inspector, Richard Butler, refused to certify Baghdad had destroyed all its banned weapons.

The VX question is one of several outstanding issues that inspectors say they must clarify before they can state that Iraq no longer has or can produce weapons of mass destruction.

Butler agreed to conduct a new round of tests in French, Swiss and U.S. laboratories after Iraq disputed the original Army findings.

Net group picks interim president

Michael Roberts
pegged to head
California's ICANN

BY TED BRIDIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The non-profit group that expects to largely assume control of managing the Internet from the federal government has selected its interim president, it was announced Monday.

Michael M. Roberts of Portola Valley, Calif., is a technology pioneer whose first effort will be to reassure U.S. officials that his organizing group will be open and financially accountable.

The California-based Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, or ICANN, chose Roberts as its interim president and chief executive officer during a private meeting Sunday in New York.

Roberts, a consultant, recently re-

tired as vice president of Educomm, a high-tech consortium of 600 colleges and universities.

He also was the first director of the Internet2, the academic project to build the next generation of the Internet. And he was a founder and first executive director of the non-profit Internet Society.

Roberts said he will not serve as the group's president beyond its organizing stage.

The decision comes just days after U.S. officials expressed "significant concerns" about the group's latest proposal to largely assume behind-the-scenes control of the Internet from the government.

Commerce Department officials said they were concerned the group's

decision-making process wasn't public and that it lacked adequate financial accountability.

"We're very glad to see that ICANN is getting itself prepared and begin to address the issues that we raised in our letter," said Becky Burr, an associate administrator at the department. "We'd like very much to have those issues addressed."

Roberts said Monday he expects the group to submit a revised proposal to the government within a week. "We have some unfinished business with the federal government," he said.

The group also appointed Esther Dyson, who is well known within technology circles, as its interim chairwoman.

College student dies of caffeine overdose

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. — A 20-year-old man died after swallowing dozens of over-the-counter caffeine pills on a dare from a fellow community college student.

Jason Warren Allen had swallowed most of a 90-pill bottle, which would be the equivalent to drinking as many as 250 cups of coffee, authorities said.

"It's a terrible, terrible story," said Morehead City police Major Wrenn Johnson. "No one suspects caffeine to be deadly."

Allen was taking general education development classes at Cateret

Community College. He collapsed outside the college during a break from class Oct. 20. It wasn't known when he took the pills.

A security guard found him and called the rescue squad, which took him to Carteret General Hospital, where he died Wednesday.

Authorities said it appeared that Allen died of heart rhythm irregularities associated with the high dose of caffeine, which is a central nervous system stimulant.

Prosecutor David McPayden said he wouldn't decide whether to pursue charges until the police complete interviews and toxicology tests are in.

Serbian withdrawals continues

BY TOM COHEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — In convoys of rumbling tanks and trucks, Yugoslav troops and Serb police vacated some heavily fortified positions in Kosovo on Monday, the eve of a NATO deadline to comply with a peace agreement or face punishing airstrikes.

The withdrawal was President Slobodan Milosevic's 11th-hour attempt to convince NATO he was fulfilling the agreement he reached two weeks ago with U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke to defuse the eight-month Kosovo conflict.

A top international observer in Kosovo called the withdrawals encouraging but said more needed to be done.

"They need to pull more people out of Kosovo to satisfy the agreement," Shaun Byrnes, head of the American section of the Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission, said late Monday. "They're going down to the wire."

In the Drenica region, 18 miles west of Pristina, a steady drizzle filled freshly gouged tracks made by tanks withdrawing from roadside positions they assumed Oct. 18.

Several police checkpoints were vacant, including one in Malisevo — the last front line in fighting that virtually halted last month. All that remained was a tattered Yugoslav flag hung over a pile of bricks.

At another checkpoint in Dragobilje, which was occupied by heavily armed police a few days earlier, a uniformed ethnic Albanian guerrilla stood holding an automatic rifle.

The guerrilla, who refused to give his name, said he and other separatist fighters were checking to see if it was safe for civilians to come back because there was a minefield in the area.

Ethnic Albanians, who fled during the Serb offensive that began Feb. 28, say they'll only come home once all police and soldiers have left.

The return of an estimated 300,000 refugees, including up to 10,000 believed living in the woods, is a key provision of the Holbrook-Milosevic plan.

About 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million residents are ethnic Albanian, and most favor independence.

In Washington, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said there appeared to be "a lot of movement,"

but that President Clinton would wait before judging whether Milosevic had done enough to satisfy Western demands.

NATO sources in Brussels, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the NATO ambassadors would probably wait until shortly before Tuesday's deadline before declaring whether Milosevic met the conditions.

One official, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity, said intelligence reports show "some indication some units are regrouping for withdrawal."

Still, he said, NATO was ready to use military force, if necessary, once a deadline for compliance runs out at 2 p.m. EST Tuesday. The deadline has already been extended once since Milosevic agreed on a peace plan.

But Britain's foreign secretary, Robin Cook, said that if the Serbs follow through with pledges to withdraw weaponry and troops, "that will certainly be a significant advance."

NATO and the U.N. Security Council also demand that Milosevic allow international organizations to deliver humanitarian aid to refugees without interference.

Ethnic Albanians, however, claim that Serb-led forces withdraw when diplomatic monitors appear and then return after they leave to harass refugees.

Sporadic violence in the past few weeks, including routine shelling and shooting by Serb police and some attacks by Albanian guerrillas, showed the difficulty of ending all hostilities as long as the heavy deployment of Serb and Yugoslav forces continued.

Protesters banned

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

RABAT, Morocco — Riot police charged 300 unemployed college graduates who defied a protest ban and gathered outside Parliament on Monday to press their demand for jobs.

At least 12 people were injured and 28 arrested in the melee, police sources said on condition of anonymity. Ahmed Kabil, a youth leader, claimed dozens were hurt and more than 60 people detained.

In all, more than 3,000 people took part in protests across the capital, Rabat, the police sources said.

Nearly 1,000 police were deployed in the center of the capital to prevent

further unrest. During the protest at Parliament, police roughed up journalists for several foreign and domestic media and seized their film.

Kabil, assistant secretary-general of the Association of Young Unemployed Graduates, said police arrested the group's leader, Faber Bensaid, outside the local government prefecture.

Police had banned a march planned by the group, so leaders instead "wanted to turn it into a sit-in in front of the Parliament," Kabil said.

The Moroccan Association for the Defense of Human Rights, in a statement Monday, said it "condemns the attacks and demands that a report be made by officials."

NEWSBRIEFS

Inner Harbor Science Center to expand

The Maryland Science Center, located in the Inner Harbor, is going to be expanded.

The project, coined "MSC21" will add 45,000 square feet of exhibit space, effectively doubling the center's size.

The addition will likely be built on Light Street, just west of the current building. The cost has not been disclosed, but estimates place the cost in the double-digit millions.

The current building was renovated in 1986, and an IMAX theatre was opened the following year. The new expansion is necessary to provide space for new exhibits and to accommodate a growing number of visitors.

Public Health professor's "smart gun" dream is turned into a reality

Steve Teret, a trial lawyer turned public health professor, has made a childproof handgun his crusade for the last 15 years.

The idea was conceived following a tragic accident involving a family friend's child who was shot dead by another child after finding his father's gun.

In 1995, gun manufacturer Colt,

Officials at Towson University have increased their level of awareness and concern over what goes on in their local neighborhood. Local residents are optimistic that the level of security and safety in the area will improve in light of the steps the University is taking.

Towson has updated its latest student guide book to include strong wording of the expectations of students' off-campus behavior. In addition, the school has opted not to convert some apartment buildings into

university housing.

Officials at Towson also hope to collaborate with neighborhood residents on future changes to the student guide book, as well as provide a means to present complaints to the university.

Towson hopes that these changes and steps provide a new beginning to a stronger neighborhood which will hopefully work along with the university and its students.

Loyola College's graduate campus opens

The new \$12 million Loyola College graduate campus, located near the Timonium Road-Interstate 83 interchange, was officially opened this week.

The campus is designed to provide students the latest in educational technology as well as allow off site participants to become involved with

the classroom via classroom technology.

The seven-and-a-half acre campus will offer programs in eight graduate programs: administration, finance, education, computer science, physician assistant studies and speech-language pathology/audiology.

Local engineering alumnus dies at 58

Robert T. Tegtmeier, a mechanical engineer and marathon runner enthusiast died October 17 of lymphoma.

Living in Baltimore, the 58-year-old was an engineer at AAI Corp. A Towson High School graduate, he moved on to earn an engineering degree at the Johns Hopkins University.

He is survived by two children, his mother, and three siblings. A memorial service will be held November 7 at Calvary Baptist Church.

ERRATA

The following error appeared in the October 22, 1998 edition of The Johns Hopkins News-Letter:

• On Page A1, the real estate developer, "Kordish," was spelled as given by the University's real estate office. The name should have been spelled "Cordish."

The News-Letter regrets this error.

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Odyssey speakers talks about First Amendment

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it's pornography," Bertin quoted from a critic of free speech.

Bertin also brought up issues concerning civil rights, gay rights and hate-related public speech. Although she did not advocate hate speech, she said that bad thoughts are better than no thoughts at all.

Bertin debated primarily against Dinesh D'Souza, a conservative fellow of the American Enterprise Institute who was the other main speaker of the night.

His platform was more moderate, as he stressed the need for judgment and rationality. Through his talk, which included jokes about meeting his wife while she was a White House intern. He brought home his opinions of conservatism.

He first admitted that free speech is hard to be opposed to. He then used this point to say that free speech had become misrepresented. He asked, "What are the means that lead to the goals we have in mind?" He emphasized that the founding fathers did not have the type of free speech in mind that liberal coalitions use today. He argues for political free speech.

"The amendment states that government shall make no law. . . ." D'Souza then used the examples of national security and fire in a crowded room to prove that government itself has since repealed this amendment when necessary. He stressed that there are always reasons for and against free speech on a case-by-case basis. Not, as Bertin argued, in its totality.

D'Souza went on to state that the

liberal left has been recently hiding behind the First Amendment to promote programs such as affirmative action and gay rights. He pointed out that "Free speech is about power. The left has enjoyed free speech support for speech that is less philosophical

port these groups as they are politically favorable while the free speech of the Christian Coalition or a fascist group would never be championed in such a way.

The two speakers then debated the issues as part of a panel that also in-

torney for the Maryland chapter of the ACLU.

Discussion ranged from government responsibility to merit decisions. Sullivan used the example of a camel's nose under a tent. "If the nose is allowed in the tent at night, you might wake up with an entire camel in your tent the next morning," he said. Calling this the "slippery slope" effect, he brought up situations where a decision was controversial not for the decision itself but for the precedent it could set in the future.

Jay Fisher used an example of a Mapleshorpe photography exhibit as a controversial statement that can be preceded with a warning. He contended that not all things need to be censored if it is possible to warn the community of the contents.

Bertin stressed the need for good and bad things to be allowed in the community. She argued that censorship is basically the government's way of saying that it doesn't like an idea.

In opposition to this, D'Souza asked whether or not this was a bad thing, after all, some things that the government bans helps the society stay moral, such as nude dancing.

The night ended with questions from the audience which ranged from comments on the progress of open mindedness to questions regarding banned literature in Oregon state jails.

Through the debate the discussion was lively and reflected the truth about censorship. As Bertin and D'Souza agreed, free speech is easy to understand, hard to implement, and even harder to agree upon.



Speaker Joan Bertin talked about free speech and the First Amendment.

cluded Jay Fisher, The Curatorial Chairman of the Baltimore Museum of Art and Dwight Sullivan, the At-

Professors look for undergrad researchers

■ **Student Life:**
Academic
Advising posts
jobs listings, gets
postive response

BY S. BRENDAN SHORT
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Hopkins prides itself on being the country's first research university, and while for many this may conjure up images of graduate students working late nights in labs, undergraduates are hardly without opportunities. Recently, the Office of the Associate Dean for Research posted research opportunities for undergraduates in over thirty different fields, ranging from clinical immunology to Near Eastern studies.

The demand from professors for research assistants was so overwhelming, in fact, that the office was forced to abandon the traditional binder in favor of posting the opportunities on the web. The response from students was equally enthusiastic, with the web page receiving 1400 visits within the first three days, according to Associate Dean Gary Ostrander.

According to Assistant to the Associate Dean Kristine Gregorek, the

office serves mainly as a means of connecting students interested in research with those who need their services. The process begins with a questionnaire sent out by the office regarding needs for research assistants among the faculty. Their responses are then posted for students to apply. From there, the individual faculty members take over, evaluating applicants and making their selections.

Though opportunities for research range across all the academic disci-

...the majority of applicants are pre-med students trying to get lab experience.

plines at Hopkins, the majority of applicants are pre-med students trying to get lab experience. According to Ostrander, research experience is an extremely important factor for committees determining medical and graduate school admission. Research is hardly confined to one area of study, however, as figures show that between seventy and eighty percent of students will have participated in some sort of research before graduating.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Memorial ceremony remembers Oklahoma City bombing victims

BY QUANNAH LEONARD

OKLAHOMA CITY — About 5,000 people amassed at the Oklahoma City National Memorial groundbreaking ceremony to remember loved ones lost in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building and to look toward the future.

The memorial will be made up of three components: the Symbolic Memorial, the Memorial Center and the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism and Violence. The Memorial Center will be an interactive learning museum.

Lippert Bros Inc., the same company that built OSU's Noble Research Center, will build the Symbolic Memorial. It is expected to open to the public by March 2000, according to a published report.

Attorney General Janet Reno began the ceremony by addressing the crowd. Reno said people will never forget the lives lost in the bombing because they will live on in memory.

She said she extended a "great big thank you" to the victims and survivors, "for you have touched the hearts and souls of an entire nation and inspired us all."

She said the victims and survivors have been able to break beyond their loss and injuries.

Reno saluted police, fire, rescue workers and others because they refused to give up or to give in.

She also saluted agents, prosecutors and others for being strong in the face of evil.

"You have maintained the rule of law," she said.

Reno said prosecutors and agents have let terrorists know they will never stop and will never let up no matter how long it takes to bring them to justice. "We will not back down in the face of terrorism," she said.

Toward the end of the ceremony, Vice President Al Gore delivered the keynote address.

He began by thanking the families, survivors, rescue workers and others. Gore said like any soldier whoever fought in any war, the bombing victims paid the price of the

nation's freedom.

"And to those who are ever tempted to denigrate the labor of our self-government and to demean our hardworking government employees, come here and be silent and remember," Gore said.

Gore said people will never forget the 6-month-old child who just had learned his first word or the 3-year-old child buried near his mother's home so she can visit him every day.

"I've seen them today in the love that shines through your tears," Gore said.

He said the memorial is to remember the sacrifice of those lost, but to reap the future that was in their hearts.

He said there should be no doubt that this crime will have swift and certain justice.

"Mark my words, we will see that justice is done," he said.

Gore said a piece of the Murrah Building provided by the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation will be placed in the permanent collection of the nation's Smithsonian Institution.

Before the groundbreaking ceremony, Michael Murphy, operations supervisor for Emergency Medical Services Authority, said the ceremony acts as a step toward the future.

"It's just one more step in the progression that needs to be done," Murphy said.

He said he was a part of one of the Murrah Building rescue teams. His family, religion and goals keep him thinking of the future.

"You never forget it, but you have to move forward," he said.

A bombing victim's son, a bombing survivor and the Oklahoma City Fire Department chief read in unison the mission statement for the memorial.

"We come here to remember those who were killed, those who survived and those changed forever. May all who leave here know the impact of violence. May this memorial offer comfort, strength, peace, hope and serenity," the three read. Next, the Rev. Nick Harris of the First United Methodist Church gave the invoca-

tion.

Before the ceremony began, Brinda White, an attorney in Oklahoma City and member of the First United Methodist Church, said she thinks it's appropriate that Harris is giving the invocation because the church was so damaged.

The blast blew out the church's windows and bricks, and it demolished the inside.

She said her church has offered thousand of Bibles to people walking around the bombing site.

"They can turn to God who heals brokenness," White said.

After Harris said the prayer, Robert M. Johnson, Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust chairman, welcomed everybody to the memorial site.

He said he wanted to salute the effort of the families of the survivors and the rescue workers.

"Their strength truly inspires me," he said. "I know they have, too, inspired many of you."

He said the day was a day for remembrance, and it also was a day to look forward together.

Washington state proposition threatens university diversity

BY LISA M. REGELMAN

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — An initiative that will be on the ballot in Washington state Nov. 3 may threaten the future of affirmative action in higher education.

If passed, the proposal would prohibit discrimination or preferential treatment based on race, sex, color or ethnicity.

"It is a big proposition on the concept of treating all Americans equally," said Ward Connerly, American Civil Rights Coalition chairman and a main proponent in the push for I-200, who also serves as a University of California Regent. "It is identical in language to Proposition 209."

The initiative, called I-200, is modeled word-for-word after California's Proposition 209—passed in 1996 and implemented in September 1997—prohibiting state agencies from preferential selection based on race, ethnicity or gender.

Following the passage of Prop. 209,

minority enrollment in a majority of UC schools fell, most dramatically at UC-Berkeley. The number of black, Hispanic and Native American acceptances dropped from 65.1 percent in 1997 to 10.4 percent in 1998.

Connerly said he supports I-200 and the movement of the proposal through the national system of higher education because he believes it is the job of the government to ensure the fair treatment of all people.

"I don't think a lot of people like it," he said. But "the position I have will ultimately prevail—we're just delaying the inevitable."

He added it is necessary for universities to focus on personal academic achievement rather than establishing racial preference.

You must "look at academic measurements and I don't know why academic institutions wouldn't rely on academics," Connerly said.

However, if I-200 passes next Tuesday it could significantly affect the University of Washington's diversity as well as that of higher education across the nation, said Tim Washburn, the school's admissions director.

"I-200 will definitely have a significant effect at the admissions, undergraduate, graduate and research levels," Washburn said.

"It is highly likely that I-200 will result in lower minority admissions numbers," he added.

"Clearly the goal of the proposition is to move this debate into every state and discontinue affirmative action," Washburn said. "Where it might go from here is anyone's guess." David W. Breneman, Curry School of Education dean, agreed that there is a possibility that anti-affirmative action legislation could eventually move to the east coast.

Students push for gay rights at Mizzou

BY MARY NESBITT

COLOMBIA, Mo. — The recent death of a gay University of Wyoming student has hit home at MU. Since Matthew Shepard was whipped with a pistol, beaten and left tied to a fence to die a few weeks ago, support for gay rights is pouring out everywhere. At MU, there has been the strongest push in years to change the exclusion of sexual orientation in the University of Missouri system's non-discrimination policy.

"It is a significant omission," said Kendra Smith from the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Resource Center.

An omission strongly felt on the MU campus, as proved by the number of rallies and protests held in the past few weeks. On Oct. 13, a vigil in Shepard's honor was held, several rallies have been held to push the addition of the clause, and protests were held at the Oct. 16 Board of Curator's meeting because of the omission of the clause on the agenda. Smith feels that sexual discrimination "is a problem for every community." It may be a problem here, as well. During last year's Gay Pride Month, signs advertising the event were torn down after being hung up for barely 12 hours. The Hate Report, which documents hate activity on campus, says that an overwhelming majority of those hate crimes are against gays and lesbians. To find anti-gay material, it isn't always necessary to look far.

Princeton U. to ban on sweatshop apparel

BY GRIFF WITTE

PRINCETON, N.J. — University administrators took an initial step yesterday toward establishing a code of conduct policy that would attempt to ensure University apparel is not made with sweatshop labor.

Though the University presently has no such policy, Vice President for Public Affairs Bob Durkee '69 said there could be something in place by the end of the calendar year that would apply to all Ivy League schools.

The University is also working on a national level with the American Collegiate Licensing Association to establish a uniform code by which manufacturers would have to com-

mit to not using sweatshop labor before they could be licensed to produce clothes bearing college logos.

Though Durkee said the particulars of the policy have not yet been worked out, codes that have already been passed at Duke and Brown will be considered when the University establishes its own standards, he said.


The details of the policy will ultimately be left up to President Shapiro who will be the one to approve Princeton's role in any Ivy League action and to the U-Council.

Arun Ivatury '99, a fellow SPEAC member, said he is pushing for Princeton to adopt a rigid policy that will make few concessions to the manufacturers.

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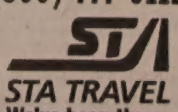
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On-line registration discussed by Council

BY MATTHEW L. SCOTT
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Discussion of On-Line Registration highlighted the Student Council meeting of Wednesday, October 28, but other important issues were touched upon as well.

The meeting began as Executive Board President Zack Pack spoke about the relatively good success of the first week of shuttle service from Shriver Hall to the Inner Harbor. Pack also announced that several of the school's Deans would be making an appearance at next week's council meeting. Executive Board VPIR Shaun Ahmad commented on the success of this week's forum on grading issues.

Although disappointed with what appeared to him as a small turnout, Ahmad admitted that more research needed to be done on the subject of grades.

Following Executive Board reports, the committees of Student Council gave their reports. Homewood Student Affairs co-chair

Susan Kim spoke about several issues the committee was currently involved in. Kim stated that the committee was working towards the possible future implementation of a declining meal plan in which a certain number of meals would be allocated for each semester, and meals could be used at will within this time frame. In this way, she explained that students wouldn't "lose" meals.

Class of 2001 President Harish Manyam announced the paintball event to take place on November 8, as well as a foodfest event to include unlimited food for a small charge on November 12. Representative Eva Chen also made a reminder about the sophomore class's auction to take place on November 3 in the McCoy multi-purpose room.

Next on the order of business was discussion of the budget for this year's set of UNITY dance parties. Puneet Chopra, co-chair of the programming board, briefly discussed the budget shortfall for this school year's events. After months of fundraising activity, the board was not quite able to raise all

of the funds necessary to put on this year's events because, as Chopra described, costs had increased and all further options had been exhausted as far as other fundraising sources were concerned. A period of discussion followed, where council members raised a few questions about the funding issue. Interestingly, in response to a question by Class of 2000 representative, Chopra stated that in order to insure the success of this year's unity party, which had drawn approximately 940 and 640 students the previous years, he had met with fraternity, sorority and other groups so that other events would not occur at the same time. The IFC agreed to give \$600 to the fund in exchange for the admission of all fraternity brothers for free. The agreement was reached so that UNITY could be put on without competition from other events said Chopra.

Questions and discussions halted briefly as this year's freshman class officers announced the outcome of the recently held runoff elections.

Following further discussion on the issue in which most of the council members voiced their support for Chopra's efforts and the UNITY event in general, the measure to award the programming board the funds it needed passed overwhelmingly, with three in opposition and three in abstention. Council members then jokingly sang "Happy Birthday" to Chopra after supporting his proposal.

Discussion then turned to the issue of on-line registration. Drawn up by the Committee on Academic Affairs, Chairman George Soterakis briefly outlined the proposal and its strengths and benefits to Johns Hopkins.

Although he did not specify details, the basic premise of the system would allow students from not only the Schools of Arts and Sciences and Engineering but also all branches of the university including the Medical School and SAIS to 1) register for classes 2) add/drop courses 3) gain information about course enrollment limits and updated enrollment numbers and 4) obtain final course grades. Students would be allowed to perform the above functions after having met with their advisors and obtaining a password from a "bank" of passwords. Soterakis emphasized that Johns Hopkins needs to move forward to catch up to other peer institu-

tions which already have such systems. He added that he hoped the system would function in real time so updates could be obtained immediately. Soterakis hoped that the new system, at least in a trial version, would be in place by next year.

Following the presentation, a student raised the question of whether, under this system, on-line registration would be the only means by which to register. Soterakis replied that, ultimately, the new system would eliminate the clutter and disorganization of paper completely. Kahn later raised a point about the password system as it stood in the proposal. He put forth a friendly amendment that would change the method by which use of on-line registration could be gained by students.

In his proposal, students would meet with their advisor, and, after having received approval for their courses, the advisor him/herself would enter a password into the system specifying that a certain student could use the service. Kahn stated that he thought this would be easier to implement from a programming standpoint and that it would still allow for student-advisor contact, which he feared might be endangered under the proposal as it stood. The amendment was adopted with praise from Soterakis, and the resolution was passed nearly unanimously with one abstention and one in opposition.

Class of 2001 Representative Saketh Rahm then spoke about his past weekend's attendance at the Maryland Higher Education Council at Anne Arundel Community College. He said that some of the issues discussed included the prospect that the University of Maryland state system might repeal affirmative action, like that of the University of California.

Rahm was applauded by council members following his discussion for having been elected Secretary of the Student Advisory Council, the student body of MHEC.

Finally, political science graduate student David Snyder spoke briefly on his and other students' campaign to force Johns Hopkins, the largest employer in the state of Maryland, to raise the wages of those workers who are employed by subcontract to the university. This effort would raise workers wages above minimum wage to a level that would more easily allow them to support their families.

CLASS OF 2002 RUN-OFF ELECTION RESULTS

President	
*Jenny Chiang	313 (54.0%)
Khalid Itum	267 (46.0%)
Vice-President	
*Anuj Mittal	280 (50.8%)
Ash Batavia	271 (49.2%)
Secretary/Treasurer	
*Emily Petersen	338 (61.7%)
Olivia Elee	210 (38.3%)
Representatives	
*Shobi Ahmed	445 (28.1%)
*Stephen Goutman	306 (19.4%)
*Priya Sarin	293 (18.5%)
Suzanna Brickman	276 (17.5%)
Pamela Douglas	261 (16.5%)
* denotes winners	

Campus crime report, Oct. 16 — Oct. 22

October 16	October 20
*5:00a.m.—2800 Blk. Mathews St. Two unarmed male suspects assault and rob victim, take cash and jewelry valued at \$193.	*6:30 p.m.—500 Blk. E. 28th St. The suspect was helping the victim move property when he stole it.
October 17	October 21
*1:30p.m.—3000 N. Calvert St. Unknown suspect attempted force open apartment front door to gain entry.	*2:23 a.m.—2800 Blk. Sisson St. An unknown suspect used an unknown object to break a side window and gain entrance to the home and took property valued at over \$800.
*6:00p.m.—3500 Clipper Rd. Suspect stole toolbox valued at \$450 from victim's vehicle.	October 22
October 18	*1:00 a.m.—400 Blk. Bretton Pl. An unknown suspect entered the house through a rear window. No property is reported missing at this time.
*12:35 p.m.—2800 Blk. N. Calvert St. An unknown male suspect reportedly assaulted and robbed the victim, taking \$170.	*7:35 p.m.—2800 Blk. N. Charles St. An unknown suspect gained entry to a vehicle through a broken window and removed a bag containing personal papers.
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NEWS

Academic Advising organizes Fair

Freshman elections successful

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striven to present students with a "more rounded view," according to Dean of Advising Roseman. "The student that has a wider distribution is a better rounded student, and that looks better for medical schools, law schools, every sort of graduate school."

Tristan Davies, Writing Seminars Advising Coordinator, acknowledged the importance of the fair, saying that it was important in the "trend to discourage students from determination of a major before coming to Hopkins and exploring the possibilities here."

The first Majors Fair was held last Fall and was such a success that, according to Dean Roseman, the Office of Academic Advising "received letters from students asking for it again this year." This year, representatives were present from every major and

minor of the Krieger School, including a representative from the Engineering Advising Office in order to

"This is an opportunity to try out things students didn't even know existed."

—STEPHEN YANTIS,
PSYCHOLOGY DEPT.

help Humanities students who were interested in Business-related minors. The Fair is held in the week preceding the Advising Week so that students can be sure of what

courses they need for their possible majors and also so that "can get interesting Spring course ideas," according to Dr. Sanders. "This is an opportunity to try out things students didn't even know existed," said Professor Stephen Yantis, Psychology Department Advising Coordinator, "therefore, students are more likely to find the right career path."

The students who attended saw these advantages as well, and were unanimously in favor of the change in the policy on major declaration. "I can't imagine the extra stress I would have felt if I had had to pick a major before I even got here," said one student. "Along with the Pass/Fail system for Freshmen, this allows us to really enjoy our classes, and not start worrying about graduation from the minute we step on campus," said another.

Springer entertains student body

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show... Who are we? We are the people you see on our show."

Springer's talk then ranged from speaking about his liberal background and its connection to the principles behind the show, to insights into what makes his show tick.

Speaking with some seeming amusement at the actions of the audience, he explained that the fights on his show were results of "passionate confrontation" and that this was acceptable because "we want the show to be real."

Revealing that his show receives 2-3,000 calls a day from potential guests requesting air time, he compared the self-expression that his guests take to the self-release of the rich and famous. Springer stated that "the show is a symbol of what's going on in society," and that American television was, for the most part, "upper class white."

People are just "not used to seeing those people on television," he remarked.

After his talk, Springer then opened the floor to questions. The student reaction to their peers was rowdy at best; many students, although undeterred, were encouraged to sit back down.

The questions ranged from asking whether he thought that his show trivialized his guest's problems, to whether *The Jerry Springer Show* reflects the values of American society.

Springer's responses varied from serious ("We refer them to professional counseling") to avoidance ("My job is to provide a one hour show which is entertaining").

"They were good questions," Springer remarked after the event had drawn to a close.

"But you can't be too surprised," referring to the reputation of Johns Hopkins University.

Student reaction to the event was mixed: while the Shriver Hall was filled to capacity, there were still those who chose to sit out the event, and there were those who attended who were wholly enthusiastic.

Sophomore Sarah Thomas, after waiting two hours to get a seat, said, "I think that the antics of the audience made it even more Springer-ish for me."

Others took a different view on the Symposium. Christina Moreno, a sophomore, said, "Basically, Springer reminded the student body that, at one point in time, he was a very successful politician."

As a matter of fact, he's found that most of the skills necessary to run a city are the same ones you need to host a freakshow, especially the talent of pulling a quasi-intellect out of his arse. I can't say that I didn't enjoy the symposium; actually, I thought it was a blast. Jerry seemed to be getting great enjoyment out of it and, what can I say, I'm a really empathetic person."

Those who didn't attend the Symposium had a different view.

"I don't think that Jerry Springer, with the quality of show that he puts over the airways, should be allowed to speak about American identity at a school that is considered to be of such high intellectual quality as ours generally is," said Shannon Aronin, a sophomore, who did not go to see Springer speak.

Those closest to the event, Symposium co-chairs Omar Khan and Robert Fisher, had their own perspectives on the event.

From a student's perspective, Fisher said that "it was a great event for the student body... people really enjoyed it."

However, from the an organizer's point of view, "I was a little upset with the behavior of certain members of the audience and the direction of the speech."

Those who were not undergraduates apparently voiced some negative

opinions about the behavior of the student body.

Kahn had a similar reaction. "I was very happy with it. There were more people there than I could ever have imagined... I think he addressed the Symposium topic... he did what he was expected to do."

Questions, however, have been raised concerning certain power abuses of the two Symposium chairs. Many students observed — to their disgust — that the first few rows of Shriver were roped off, and not only for "Jerry's entourage." Instead, they were reserved for others. An anonymous student commented that "I was disappointed to see that the MSE chairs chose to give certain privileges to students as a perk of their position, especially since students from another school were favored over Hopkins students."

"I did instruct the ushers to reserve those seats for student council, faculty, and news media... then our friends. The seats were opened 15 minutes prior to Springer's speech,"



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Junior Dan Ahdoot joined Jerry Springer on stage for a duet.

said Fisher.

In response to complaints that the symposium chairs reserved these seats, Fisher said that, "I don't feel that it's wrong... Omar and I were careful about not reserving too many seats."

In addition to the situation concerning the seating, after all the official events had come to a close, he was brought back to the Sammy house to spend some time with the two Symposium chairs and their friends.

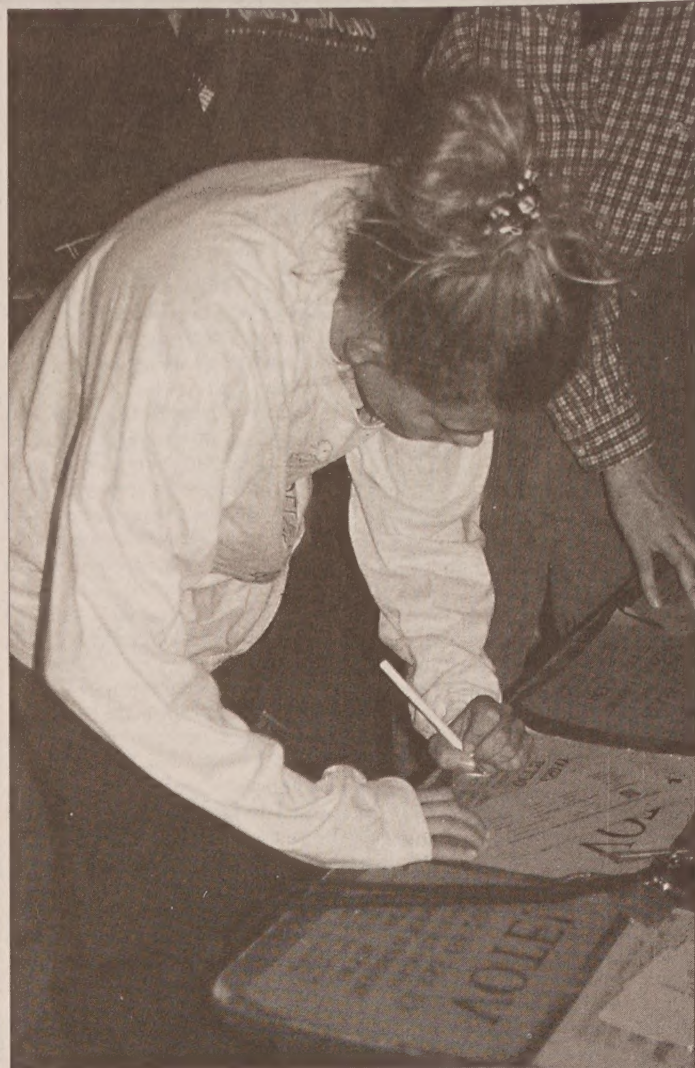
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Springer also had requested to spend time with the two chairs after the event.

"His personal secretary said that he likes to hang out with young people afterwards," said Fischer.

"MSE is a year-long job... it goes all the way through the year until November. There are very few tangible rewards... for the most part, it's a very thankless job," Khan said.

All in all, the reaction to the Symposium was positive. "This event in particular speaks to the belief that Hopkins people don't come out to anything."



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The freshman class elected their officers this week during run-off voting.

Damage reported in dorms

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will be divided amongst residents.

Damage is not limited purely to Wolman and McCoy Halls. A flier posted recently in the Bradford reads: "There are 16 fire extinguishers missing from our building. Each unrecovered extinguisher will cost the building \$71. That will be close to \$1000 you will be charged for dorm damage." These charges will, again, be divided among residents.

The flier incorrectly represents the cost of the fire extinguishers. According to Goodman, "There is a charge of \$21 for each new fire extinguisher, but a fine of \$50 for each time that any fire equipment is used improperly. This totals to \$71 for each unrecovered extinguisher and \$50 for any used extinguisher."

The on-campus housing facilities are in much better condition, according to Goodman. "AMRII sees the worst damage this side of Charles Street, and it might run up a total bill of \$600 by the end of the semester. The freshmen apparently have more pride in their own halls. Perhaps the older students might learn from their example."

The Housing Department is undertaking arrangements for educational workshops to remedy this problem. Although the Resident Advisors are responsible for informing all students living in campus-owned dormitories of Housing policies, Housing wants to be sure that there is a general understanding of responsibility in living areas.

Grading reconsidered

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rankings of other schools are unknown, as this information is classified under educational privacy laws. However, of the top schools, the highest average GPA for the class of 1994 was a 3.63. Hopkins had a 3.29.

Additionally, a memorandum from the office of Dean of Enrollment Robert Massa was also distributed. This document showed that the distribution of grades over the past twenty years has remained fairly constant.

The committee then laid out several possible solutions for discussion, and gave a general idea of the time it would take to implement each. They also noted that any proposed solution would have to be approved by the Academic Council before any kind of program could be instated.

The first possible solution would be to educate schools and employers about the tougher grading standards at Hopkins. One possible way of doing this would be to attach a letter to transcripts explaining the average GPA or perhaps the distribution of grades. This process of educating the public about Hopkins reputation would be ongoing. The problem with this as a solution is that it will reflect very poorly on anyone who falls below the average.

Another possible solution deals more directly with the faculty. It was brought up that while there is a great deal of interchange between the students and the administration, the faculty is very often removed from campus life. Many professors just do not know what student life is about here at Hopkins. While it would be impractical to take away the faculty's freedom to grade as they see fit, it

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ing to some, this was hardly useful.

"Contrary to what Student Council said, there were hardly any freshman there who weren't freshman candidates," said Ahmed.

Another change the student council implemented was to push the elections back later in the year, and therefore allow students to get to know their candidates a little better.

"In the past, the election has been much more of a popularity contest. The priority of our board was to remedy this as much as possible," said Malik.

Both Malik and Noone plan to field response from the candidates, hopefully to further improve the elections for next year.

"We would very much like to get the input of the candidates. It is very important we understand where the freshmen come from," said Noone.

Another change in process for next year would be to replace the paper ballots with computerized voting. Noone expressed his hesitancy about rushing into this until they were absolutely positive that it had been well tested.

"The board is developing this issue. We'd love to see it happen at Hopkins, but it must be first proven to be fair and secure," said Noone.

Noone added that the voter turnout for the class of '01, where they had computers, was less than that with paper balloting. In any event, a sampling of the computer system, for example to conduct a survey, should be appearing in the near future.

might be a good idea to at least notify them that there is a problem. If teachers realize how substantially they are hurting their students with C curves, then perhaps there will be a gradual change.

As pointed out by freshman Patricia Ayoung-Chee, "The fact that the faculty does not know what's going on means that we are locking out possible solutions. One way of involving the faculty in this issue would be to make sure that all of the faculty received the data." This solution could feasibly be implemented by January or February.

The final possible solution was by far the most popular amongst the students present at the town meeting. It would involve an administrative change, as opposed to a change in the way teachers actually grade.

The administration would implement a blanket grade increase, where the grade point average on a student's transcript would appear higher than the current value. This entire solution as a possibility is still far more in the hypothetical stage than any of the others.

A proposal would have to be submitted to the Provost, Steven Knapp, who makes these types of decisions bi-annually. It is possible that it will be taken into consideration in either the Spring or the Fall decision making process.

Since the turnout was so poor, the Committee to Assist the VPIR will still be looking to take student input. Students can express their opinions by contacting Shaun Ahmad at sab6@jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu.

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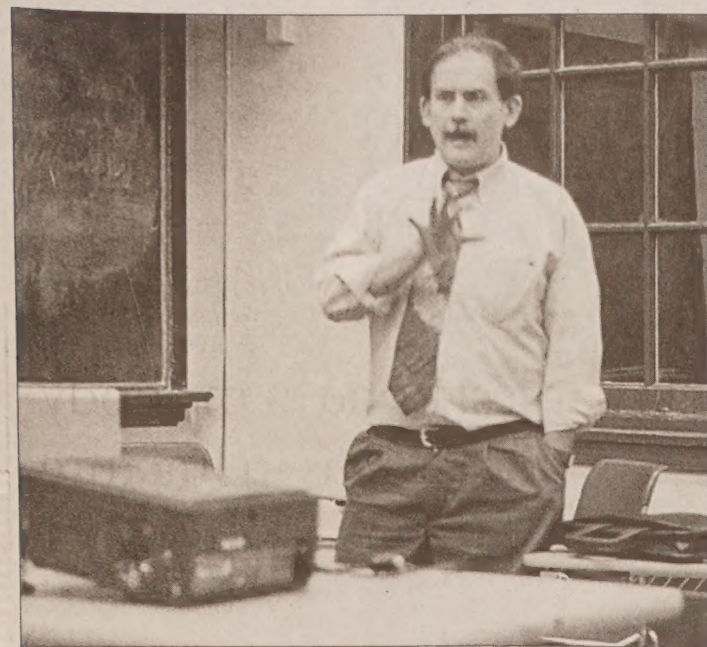
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Pete Banholzer addressed the question of life on Mars in a speech sponsored by the College Republicans.

BY JENNIFER GASPAR
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Life on Mars? Maybe not, but Pete Banholzer of the Goddard Space Flight Center addressed this question along with the past, present, and future of Mars in a presentation at 7:30p.m. Tuesday in Krieger 302. The presentation was sponsored by the College Republicans. Banholzer spoke and showed slides of maps, drawings

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and satellite images of Mars, and then answered questions about Mars and the space program in general.

Excitement about Mars began in the late 1800s when Schaparelli began mapping the surface of Mars as he viewed it—covered with canals and grooves. Although the images that he was mapping were later proven to be merely optical illusions, his interest sparked a curiosity in others, including H.G. Wells who wrote *War of the Worlds*, about an alien invasion from Mars. What ensued was a "Mars Mania," where many people speculated about the possibility of life on Mars.

Although there has certainly never been life as humans would view it, Banholzer spoke about meteorites that were found in Antarctica that were at first speculated to contain bacteria from Mars. These speculations, he said, are now shown to be unlikely, but nothing is absolutely certain.

A large portion of the speech addressed the possibility of whether Mars contained water at any time in the past. It is now unclear if there were glaciers and

running water on Mars at any time. Evidence indicates possible shorelines of lakes and oceans. There are also signs of erosion, which means that there may have been running water at some point. When NASA's space program was at its peak in the 1960s it was thought that humans could possibly set foot on Mars by the mid-1980s. Although public interest and support has died down a great deal since then, it is possible that the first manned mission to Mars could occur as soon as 2014 or 2018. According to Banholzer, this would be an optimal time for this mission due to a minimum of danger from solar activity.

The logistics of this project have not yet been completely worked out. Banholzer said there are several different possible ways this mission may be carried out, and it is also questionable whether the government will provide financial support for the mission. If the space station, NASA's current major project runs smoothly, then it is much more likely that the government will be willing to fund a mission to Mars.

In the meantime, there are several unmanned missions planned for the upcoming years. The Mars Global Surveyor Project is expected to begin in March 1999. Its function will be to map the surface of Mars.

Two other missions that involve landers to survey and test the surface are planned to begin in 2001 and 2003. Ground probes will be able to penetrate the surface of the planet and test soil a few feet deep. The lander in the 2003 mission is supposed to collect samples that will then be transferred to a rocket and sent back into space. Later, this will be picked up by an orbiter and eventually sent back to Earth to be tested by 2008.

These and other future missions will involve more and more international cooperation. The return orbiter from the 2003 mission will be supplied by France. In addition, a portion of an earlier lander that will test the composition of the atmosphere will be provided by Russia.

With such cooperation, questions about the ability of Mars to sustain life, and other mysteries about its past will soon be answered.

New methods improve chances of finding bone marrow donor

New techniques may improve the chances of successful bone marrow transplants in cancer victims who do not have good tissue matches with donors.

Marrow transplants are a potentially lifesaving treatment of last resort for some victims of leukemia and other types of cancer. However, about one-quarter of patients who might benefit cannot have transplants because doctors are unable to find a closely matched donor.

Without a good match of tissue types, the transplant is likely to fail, often because the patient's body attacks the foreign marrow.

Now, doctors from the University of Perugia in Italy and the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel, report a potential way around this in a study in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The new method, described by Dr. Franco Aversa, appears to offer a reasonable chance of success among those in whom only a partial match can be found. It is based on giving patients much larger than usual doses of donated marrow.

The donor receives growth hormone that trigger the release of large numbers of marrow cells into the bloodstream. These cells are then strained from the donors' blood. The marrow is cleansed to remove blood cells that can trigger a misguided attack by the body's immune system.

After 18 months, 12 of the 43 patients treated this way were alive and free of disease. However, doctors cautioned that rebuilding of the patients' immune systems was poor, and infections were a common cause of death.

In another report in the journal, Dr. Takehiko Sasazuki of Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan, reported a way of fine-tuning donor matching using genetic analysis. Their report showed that matching up some of the genes that control the immune system are especially important.

They said that this more in-depth matching of donor and recipient can improve the success rate, even when the two sides would ordinarily be considered to have identical tissue types.

In an accompanying editorial, Jon J. van Rood and Machteld Oudshoorn of Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands said the studies are milestones in marrow transplantation.

"It is equally clear," they wrote, "that many other milestones will have to be passed before not only all patients have donors, but also all are cured."

SCIENCE BRIEFS

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NASA spacesuit allows boy to play outside for a change

Two Alabama children growing up as indoor captives of genetic skin conditions that make them intolerant of sunlight got to take a morning romp outside, even casting shadows as they jumped around.

Briana Bowers, 5, and Cole Hayes, got to go outdoors Saturday, the day after Cole's 4th birthday.

Covered top to toes in white spacesuits adorned with NASA patches and peering through red motorcycle goggles, Briana and Cole waggled little fingers in white gloves, looking like early trick-or-treaters.

In a way, they were.

Nature played a genetic trick on these children: Their skin cannot tolerate sunlight and several other kinds of light.

Thanks to Sarah Moody, their treat is the special suits that allow them to stop fearing daylight.

Saturday morning at the Holiday Inn-Airport in Birmingham was the celebration. Cole's birthday gift was the NASA-engineered suit to protect his skin from the ultraviolet rays it cannot bear. Briana also received a suit.

Cathy Hancock, Cole's grandmother, knocked on doors in her Louisiana hometown for two weeks to raise the \$2,000 to buy the suit.

"We hope it will make a world of difference,"

Cole has xeroderma pigmentosum, a condition in which his skin is ravaged by the sun's ultraviolet rays.

Just a month ago, Cole had surgery to remove three skin cancers, said his father, Charles Hayes.

Playtime for Cole, until Saturday, had always come after dark, said his mother, Elaine Hayes.

"That's the only time I could let him play out doors," she said, wiping tears away as she watched the little boy hug his new friend, Briana.

"I can't afford the special tint for the windows," Mrs. Hayes said, "so I cover them with aluminum foil and keep the blinds closed."

Cole ran from one person to another in the circle of onlookers, hugging and mugging and answering questions.

"The zoo," Cole whispered softly when he was asked what was the first place he wanted to see by daylight.

"To see the alligator," he said.

Sarah Moody was a Hampton, Va., housewife in 1986 when she started a crusade to build a suit for her nephew,

whose body could not cool itself because he was born without sweat glands.

She got the ear of the National Air and Space Administration with that irrefutable piece of human logic: "If we can put a man on the moon, we ought to be able to..."

Now, her home-run foundation puts space-age technology to use for children who can't adapt to the Earth's environment.

"What we want to do is give these children quality of life," Mrs. Moody said. "You can't always give quantity, but I can give quality."

Cole is the sixth victim of xeroderma pigmentosum to receive one of the suits through her foundation, Mrs. Moody said.

Hot Springs home to unique life forms

NASA scientists discovered some unique bacteria thriving in Hot Springs' thermal water.

Local officials are proud of the designation but don't want tourists to be alarmed.

Hot Springs National Park officials said Thursday there is no indication that the nanobacteria pose any health threat. Hundreds drink and bathe in the hot water daily. However, the discovery has forced the park to reword a brochure that decades ago pronounced the water sterile.

NASA has been studying organisms for comparison to a meteorite from Mars that could hold evidence of life on that planet.

"We've never really examined water samples for microbes at any scale. There hasn't been any reason to. The water has always tested way above any standards that were required for domestic water supplies," said Steve Rudd, Hot Springs National Park's natural resource manager.

"This was just something that was never looked at for lack of a piece of equipment that would allow it. So this was quite a surprise."

The springs appear to be home to previously unknown forms of life.

"Some of the definitions of life as we knew them are going to have to be corrected," Rudd said.

Samples drawn from the springs in the summer of 1997 were examined under an electron microscope that NASA's engineering division originally had built to find molecular-level failures in exotic composites used in spacecraft.

The microscope, which can magnify objects more than 100,000 times, found normal-sized bacteria and a variety in the nanometer range in the

samples. A nanometer is one-billionth of a meter.

The nanobacteria from Hot Springs' water and those of microscopic fossil remains found in Martian meteorite ALH84001, the so-called Mars rock, "look remarkably similar," Rudd said.

"That's what's driving this. They're very interested in correlation between what's in existence here in a similar type of environment to what may or may not have been possible on Mars" billions of years ago, Rudd said.

Carlton Allen, a Lockheed Martin research scientist at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, and David McKay, NASA's Solar System Exploration Division chief, also have looked at nanobacteria found in hot water springs in other parts of the nation and world.

Most hot springs are associated with volcanic activity, unlike the springs here.

Hot Springs' water is heated by compression. The water, which stays in the ground a long time, is pushed into a column or stratigraphic trap. As the water is pushed further and further down, it heats.

The springs are within a very small fracture zone that could fit into a circle 400 to 500 yards across. The watershed for the springs is relatively localized and isolated, with blocking structures on all sides.

Considering the isolation, "you could make a case for a unique genetic evolution of any life form that's in the water," Rudd said.

The spring system itself is several million years old and tests made years ago show the water stays in the ground for 2,000 to 6,000 years. Rudd wants to see the water dated more accurately using present-day technology.

The average temperature of Hot Springs' water is 143 degrees—far above the normal threshold for certain types of small, microbial life.

"You get some really unique life forms" in hot water, because they live in a temperature zone that provides protection by eliminating predators or anything that would compete with them, Rudd said.

Spit gives DNA match for rape suspect

Spitting on the street cost a suspected rapist his freedom after a quick-thinking police officer realized the man had just offered authorities a DNA sample.

"You may see more and more of this because DNA is becoming more of a resource," said Sgt. Michael Puetz who was assisting Tampa detectives at the time.

The amount of saliva he retrieved Tuesday, about the size of a half-dollar, provided enough genetic evidence for authorities to charge Charles Peterson in an attack at a Tampa discount department store.

On Valentine's Day last year, police allege a masked and armed Peterson hid in the store until closing, raped two clerks and fled with \$2,600, police said.

Detectives saw similarities with past robberies committed by Peterson, and put him under surveillance.

Surveillance crews had been told to watch in case Peterson tossed a cigarette or chewing gum—something that would give a possible DNA specimen.

On Tuesday, Puetz and another detective saw Peterson spit from a car but did nothing. Then, later that day, the two officers saw Peterson spit again while riding a motorcycle in rush-hour traffic.

At that point, the proverbial light bulb went off over Puetz's head.

As Peterson drove off, Puetz quickly put the cruiser's flashing lights on to guard the site and grabbed a roll of towels to blot the spittle.

"I realized one of the things we had been asked to do was readily available and visible on the street," Puetz said Friday. "There was nothing conclusive at that point. We were just happy to collect it."

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement matched saliva that contained skin cells from inside Peterson's cheek to semen collected at the scene of the rapes, authorities said.

Tampa police charged Peterson with two counts of armed robbery, two counts of false imprisonment and three counts of armed sexual battery.

Peterson was paroled in 1992 after serving time for burglary, armed robbery and aggravated assault.

He is also the sole suspect in a Christmas Eve killing at a St. Petersburg and at least a dozen robberies in the Tampa Bay area since 1996, authorities say.

Mmmmmmm, beer

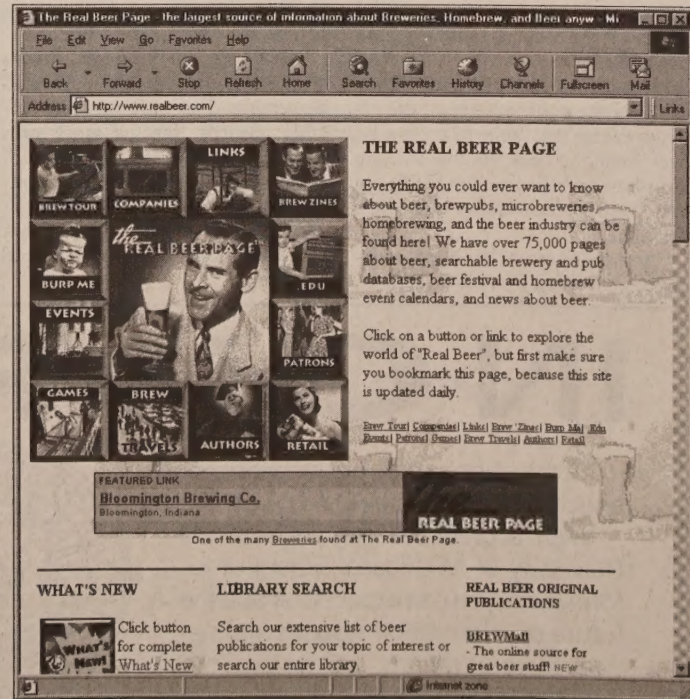
MICHAEL LAI
WEBSITE OF THE
WEEK

An essential part of the college experience is drinking beer. In fact, it is an essential part of American society. What can be better than sitting in front of the big screen watching Ohio State annihilate opponents while drinking a cold beer? (Don't answer that question) So when it was time to pick this week's website of the week, I had to choose The Real Beer Page (<http://realbeer.com>)

According to the website, you can find "everything you could ever want to know about beer, brewpubs, microbreweries, homebrewing and the beer industry...." The website includes categories such as a brew tour, companies, magazines, events, travel information, games and educational sections. My personal favorite was the "Burp Me" section.

The "Burp Me" section is for the disgusting kid inside of us that we left behind back in elementary school, or it could be you today. The site has posted some of the most talented burps ever. Some are just quality burps, the ones that only come around every decade. Then there are the ones with skill, such as burping to the alphabet or Yankee Doodle. Now that is the sign of a complete beer website.

A big part in the society of fellow beer drinkers is beer games. *Realbeer.com* has the section on games for you. If you have been to a fraternity party and witnessed odd drinking games and wondered what



SCREENSHOT BY MICHAEL LAI

they were doing, this section will make you an expert. From BeerPong to Quarters, *Realbeer.com* gives very concise and easy to follow steps to all your favorite games. So if you and your intoxicated buddy are arguing over the rules of Drop the Dime, stop by the site to resolve the argument in a more soberish fashion.

While at Hopkins, you learn about many things, many of important facts that you will use later in life. But one item that you will not learn here at Hopkins is how to brew your own beer. Don't worry, *Realbeer.com* can take care of that. In its "edu" section, the site has a list of stories and links that will help you start that beer brew-

ing empire you have always wanted to be a part of. It gives suggestions for ingredients, financing, up to buying your own brewery equipment. Now isn't this even better than being a beerman?

After you finish reading all you will ever need to know about beer, you can click the "Retail" section to complete your visit. The page has links to all kind of sites that distribute anything relating to beer. From homebrewing to the beer itself, it is all here.

By the time you leave the site you will have reached a new level of enlightenment. You can then graduate from Hopkins safely knowing that you have learned everything you will ever need to know about beer.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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Environmentalism in eight 8 steps

David Mamet tells us that things change. However, on the Hopkins campus, changes do not happen all that often. What many students do not realize is that change only happens when someone makes it happen. Sadly enough, beyond a 4.0, Hopkins students generally don't seem too concerned with making much of anything happen.

Activists, do not despair. It is possible, believe it or not, to get your classmates out of the Hut and into a more environmentally-conscious mindset. It's really a question of taking a modicum of personal responsibility in your everyday personal affairs; changing your student lifestyle to be a little more environmentally-friendly shouldn't be too painful. Since we know that Hopkins students are not well known for their creativity, we've even devised a step by step program for your convenience.

Step 1: Use solar-powered calculators. You know your way around a calculator already, so just buy a different make and model. You'll still be able to dork it out in Krieger 200 with your Magic-playing buddies. And these days, solar power costs less than battery-power. So go ahead and take this first step.

Step 2: Take shorter showers. I mean, I know most Hopkins students are sex-starved, but if a problem comes up, take it into your hand and deal with it ... once ... not multiple times before breakfast ... in the shower. Think about the poor guy (or girl) who's going to be using it next.

PILAR OBERWETTER & MAX FIELD BRENT EARTH SHAKING

You know ... cold water.

Step 3: Walk to class. You have legs. You can walk. Wolman and the AMRs are right on campus. Juniors and seniors can use the opportunity to lose the freshman fifteen. So leave the keys to the sports utility at home, and enjoy the fresh air on your way to Bloomberg.

Step 4: Use recycled notebooks. Although recycled paper may be slightly more expensive, it is usually stronger. It also has character. Just think. While you're not paying attention in Orgo, instead of zoning out, you can play connect the dots with all of those little random specks of colored paper.

Step 5: Wear a sweater. Admittedly global warming has reduced the need for this particular article of clothing, but it will get cold (one of these days) and you will want to turn up the heat as high as it can go. But before you touch that dial, try putting on layers. That way, you will be warm, as well as cuddly.

Step 6: Wear tights. Here's the sce-

nario: You've been asked on a date by that dreamy Art History TA with the sad, sexy eyes. He comes to pick you up on a moonlit Baltimore night and you've got the runs. Not Montezuma's revenge; Runs in your environmentally-unsound nylon stockings. He sees the stockings, thinks you're a tramp, and tells all the other hot Art History TAs to stay away from you. Now, don't you wish you had worn leggings, instead?

Step 7: Buy in bulk. You've had the munchies. I've had the munchies. We've all gotten those insane cravings for pickles at midnight. But if you only bought the eight-ounce jar at Superfresh, your roommate probably polished them off hours ago. So, join Price Club and buy in bulk. It is cheaper, easier and much less wasteful to buy your food in large quantities. That way, you will not create trash, and you will not be frustrated during those hungry hours.

Step 8: Join a club. Sign a petition. Give some money to the local environmental group. Small things matter, but big things matter more. Starting small means that you will get big eventually. So, go out and buy a new calculator today and tomorrow you might be establishing the first ever Hopkins chapter of EarthFirst!

SCI/TECH FACTS YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Astronauts have a special swallowable toothpaste since they can't rinse their mouths in zero gravity

Plague-carrying fleas have killed more people than all wars ever fought

Porphyria, "vampire disease," causes an aversion to garlic, extreme photosensitivity and a craving for blood due to problems manufacturing hemoglobin

The femur is the largest bone in the body and one of the most dangerous to fracture

The Challenger disaster was probably a result of an O-ring shrinking too much in cold weather

Hopkins donates telescope

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

After three years of trying to find a working telescope for one of the world's most ambitious astronomy projects, the Sloan Digital Sky Survey found the perfect one — the familiar telescope atop Bloomberg Hall here at Hopkins.

The cooperative project of seven not-for profit research institutions from the United States and Japan uses two telescopes to further the construction of technology for a comprehensive census of the universe. When the original telescope failed, many of the researchers did not think much of the loss, since the 24-inch scope was the smaller of the two and would not be used for mapping.

"The little telescope was ignored by leading scientists in the program," Alan Uomoto, a research scientist with the group, commented. "It was needed just to identify calibrator stars. What could possibly go wrong?"

Even so, the smaller telescope was a definite necessity. Their attempt to map the sky and the positions of more than 100 million celestial objects could not work without an effective calibrator.

When the company that made the small autoscope declared bankruptcy two years later, the Sloan Digital Sky Survey decided to fix the telescope themselves. One full-timer and another team member worked long hours to save the project.

But, at the end of last year, Hopkins astronomer and the director of project development, Jim Crocker, found that no one thought the telescope would last the entire span of the operation. The team said, as Uomoto put it, "chuck it" in December of 1997.

The problem of getting a replacement remained, and none of the possibilities from around the work would fit inside the small observatory building in New Mexico.

Then, Uomoto thought of the little telescope near his office in Bloomberg, which had been previously been used for stargazing and occasional classwork. Uomoto went up to the roof and found that if he could knock out a five-foot concrete pier and plant a wedge under the mount, he could make up for the difference in latitude between Baltimore and New Mexico.

"I actually thought about using this telescope on the project a few years ago," Uomoto explained. "But I couldn't figure out the practical aspects of making the switch."

The Hopkins telescope, installed in New Mexico in August, will be positioning the big telescope to identify millions of galaxies for compilation in a celestial catalogue which rivals the Library of Congress.

The Astrophysical Research Consortium, which runs the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, purchased a new and improved telescope for the rooftop of the Bloomberg Center.

FAMILY WEEKEND 1998

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

11 AM - 7 PM—*Unheard Voices, a multimedia art exhibit designed to raise awareness of and provide education about sexual assault. Sherwood Room, Levering Union.*

8 PM—*Freshman One Act Plays, The JHU Barnstormers are proud to present the 1998 Freshman One Act Plays. Arellano Theatre, Levering Union Admission \$3 at the door. Opening Night Receptions will follow after the play. Everyone is welcome. Levering Lobby, Levering Union.*

8 PM—"1964...The Tribute" *Attend the #1 Beatles show in the world! A musical journey to an era in rock history that will live in your hearts forever. Shriver Auditorium, Shriver Hall. Admissions: Students, \$7; General Public, \$10, at the door.*

10 PM-1 AM *Coffee Grounds, A variety of student entertainment in a very relaxed environment. Common Grounds, E-Level, Levering Union. Free.*

11 AM - 7 PM—*Unheard Voices, Sherwood Room, Levering Union.*

11 AM - 4 PM—*Student Art Show, Artwork created by our own students will be on display for your enjoyment. Lower Level, Homewood House. Free.*

1 PM—*Football, JHU vs. Dickinson, Homewood Field. Free.*

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM—*Panhellenic Reception, AMR Multipurpose Room. Free.*

5 PM—*Field Hockey, JHU vs. Franklin and Marshall, Homewood Field. Free.*

5 PM - 6:30 PM—*You are in for a real treat when you hear the performances by JHU's very own Choral Society, Gospel Choir, the Allnighters, Mental*

Notes, Sirens, Octopodes, and Vocal Chords. You will not want to miss this concert! Reception will follow immediately after the performance. Shriver Auditorium, Shriver Hall. Free.

7:30 PM—*Men's Soccer, JHU vs. Dickinson, Homewood Field. Free.*

8 PM—*Freshman One Act Plays, Arellano Theatre, Levering Union.*

8 PM - 10 PM—*E-Level Pub will feature an evening of entertainment featuring the JHU Jazz Ensemble.*

10 PM - 2 AM—*E-Level Halloween Party for those who wish to celebrate this "ghostly" holiday. There will be a special food "treat" for those who choose to wear a costume! Music will be provided. Free.*

Family Weekend Activities are sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Levering Union.

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EDITORIALS

Student participation necessary for grading policy

Nine students attended the town meeting on the grading policies. Nine! If there's only one thing that the Hopkins students would be concerned about, it is—grades!

Of course, the advertising of the meeting itself may have had a lot to do with the poor attendance. I myself was lead to believe that the meeting was at seven o'clock at the AMR Study Lounge, instead of at five o'clock at the Garrett Room, and so missed the meeting. However, it is still a great disappointment to find out that only nine attended the meeting. To think, most of them were freshmen and one included a graduate student from the School of Hygiene and Public Health. Where were the upperclassmen? Are we that apathetic to what goes on around Hopkins and elsewhere except what goes on in our lives? (Granted that there were many things, other commitments, that kept us from going to the town meetings.)

Perhaps this is indicative of the non-existence of the problem with the grading policy. But, probably not. Many Hopkins

students have complained about the hard grading policies at Hopkins. Many have voiced concerns about how their GPA could affect their opportunities after graduation, like graduate schools and jobs. Yet a majority of us did not actively participate in the effort to find out exactly what's going with the grading policy, in terms of how it affects us in getting into pre-professional schools and acquiring jobs and in terms of how we can improve the grading conditions at Hopkins.

Some good ideas were generated by the students who did attend the town meeting. However, we are yet to wonder how much more difference it would have been had there been more students who were willing to assess the grading policy situation and do something about it. For those of you who still have something to say, it is not too late. The Committee to Assist the Vice President for Institutional Relations that is leading this effort to address the grading policy issue is still open to students' concerns and suggestions.

Damage disrespectful, immature

Aside from being unequivocally inappropriate, damage intentionally inflicted upon University property fails to make any sense and unquestionably deserves severe punishment.

It is a pernicious act that surfaces every year in the form of broken furniture or a gaping hole on the wall. Other damage includes fire alarms that are pulled at four in the morning or shattered glass that is scattered about the ground.

The worst part of it is that these offenders are oftentimes never caught thus putting the onus on students undeserving of

the fines stemming from the damage.

Not only does this mindless behavior reflect poorly on the entire student body, it also comprises our position, as students, in dealing with the University in a serious manner.

We cannot possibly expect these offenders to realize the wrongdoing of their actions for it is, in fact, difficult to instill personal responsibility. However, regardless of the intent, we should make the punishment unavoidable and clear.

This obvious disrespect to other students calls for the harshest of measures.

Springer's appearance brought out the worst in Hopkins students

After attending the fiasco of hearing Jerry Springer speak as a part of the Milton S. Eisenhower Symposium, I am embarrassed to say that I attend the Johns Hopkins University. Sitting in Shriver auditorium last Friday, I felt as though I was on the set of the Jerry Springer Show itself, as students hooted and hollered, booed and cheered, even launched paper airplanes from the balcony, during Mr. Springer's wasted attempt to speak on the Symposium's topic and, more disgustingly, during the question and answer period afterwards. Apparently, it is not only Mr. Springer's volatile guests who lack any concept of society and decorum, but the students of one of the nation's most prestigious universities as well.

I shall not attack Mr. Springer and his lengthy, if neither eloquent nor appropriate speech, for quite frankly, it did not surprise me that he took his allotted time to reduce the Symposium to the stature of his weekly hour-long show, instead of addressing the topic of the Symposium, "Who are We? A Question of Identity." For, despite all his blatant contradictions and outright ignorant statements, Mr. Springer did not disturb me anywhere nearly as much as my fellow students. I kept waiting for the school principal to come out and say that if we did not calm down and show some respect to the speaker and each other than we would have to return to class. But then I realized that this isn't high school, despite the close resemblance.

Beyond the behavior of the student body, I am outraged at the chairs of the MSE Symposium, Robert Fisher and Omar Kahn, for making a laughingstock out of a serious and previously highly-regarded forum of intellectual exchange. For these

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GUEST EDITORIAL

gentlemen, I quote from the Compendium, "The goal of the Symposium is to present an issue of national importance to the Johns Hopkins [University] and Baltimore communities. The 1998 Symposium, "Who are We? A Question of Identity," unites a timely and intriguing topic with a vehicle for intellectual discourse."

Perhaps had Mr. Springer chosen

Despite the intensity of my reaction to Mr. Springer's unfortunate participation in the Symposium, I have yet to have one intelligent thought provoked.

to say even five words about the actual topic of the Symposium, as opposed to his hour-and-a-half-long and often logically-flawed defense of his pathetic show, the event would have united a timely and intriguing topic with a vehicle for intellectual discourse, but I doubt it.

I find it wonderful that our university can attract such high profile entertainers as Mr. Springer, but if we cannot handle ourselves in an appropriate way, if we insist on assuming a level of behavior beneath ourselves, then perhaps such people should not be invited to attend the MSE Sympo-

sium. Misappropriate hardly seems like a strong enough word to describe the undoubtedly large sum of money from MSE Symposium funds which was channeled to Mr. Springer. Perhaps tickets should have been sold to see Jerry Springer speak about nothing for an hour and a half, thus freeing MSE funds for a worthwhile speaker.

But what really bothers me about last Friday is that as the student body wallowed in its basest behavior, we were not alone. Members of the Baltimore community at large were present for the highly publicized event, and they got to see first-hand the students of Johns Hopkins. I cringe at the thought of what such people must have thought as students who were trying to ask Mr. Springer serious questions were booed away from the microphone. Above the din of the audience, rang out immensely rude calls, such as "next question," every time a student would desperately try to salvage the reputation of the Symposium by asking a thought-provoking question. Of course, Mr. Springer usually only retorted with one of his handful of parakeet rhetorics, but nonetheless, as I sat in the fifth row, it would have been nice to at least hear the question.

But apparently that was too much to ask. Despite the intensity of my reaction to Mr. Springer's unfortunate participation in the Symposium, I have yet to have one intelligent thought provoked. I have yet to be presented with an intelligent defense of the *Jerry Springer Show*, and more importantly, I have yet to hear any of Mr. Springer's thoughts on the question of American identity. All I got out of the MSE Symposium last Friday was a flyer and a severe disgust with my fellow students - not even a ticket stub.

Kwon's article "fails to acknowledge" the spirit of the gospel

Dear Editors,

As a devout Catholic who has devoted a fair amount of time to studying the Bible's remarks on homosexuality, I read Yong Kwon's guest editorial (October 22) with great interest. Mr. Kwon refers to I Corinthians 5:16 as an example of a passage "which explicitly opposes homosexuality." Unfortunately, as book five of I Corinthians only extends to verse thirteen, I Corinthians 5:16 does not exist.

Perhaps Mr. Kwon intended to mention I Corinthians 6:9, which is often translated from the Greek as "The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. So do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexual perverts, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the realm of God."

Paul's condemnation of homosexuality in this context appears unquestionable. However, I draw your attention to the original Greek texts: Malakoi, the Greek word translated here to mean homosexual actually means "soft" or "vulnerable." Arsenokoites, here translated as pervers, refers to a male prostitute. Thus Paul's admonition is addressed not to homosexual people, a concept which did not even exist in Biblical times, but to prostitutes.

Passages denouncing homosexuality from Leviticus are also commonly cited. However, people often fail to acknowledge that Leviticus describes an archaic code of behavior, in which individuals who wear garments of mixed fabrics, touch a menstruating woman, trim their beards, eat pork or shellfish or neglect to wear tassels upon each corner of their clothing will suffer the same fate as "those who lie with men as with women." (Either Leviticus is addressed only to men or the author. Perhaps you will be interested to note that the Leviticus specifically states that the consumption of locusts is acceptable.)

I urge you all to follow Jesus' words and adhere to the spirit of the law, not the letter of the law. I believe the Bible is the word of God, penned by many human hands. Those human hands were undoubtedly influenced by the culture in which they lived. Jesus, though adamant in his criticism of certain groups (i.e. the moneychangers in the temple), fails to mention homosexual acts in any passage of the Bible. He does, however, exhort his followers to "love one another, as I have loved you." I take this as a challenge to greet my brothers and sisters with toleration and respect.

Therefore, on a personal note, I was greatly surprised to read Mr. Kwon's classification of me as a "godless man" — not only because I neither consider myself godless nor a man, but because such a personal attack appears to contradict Jesus' message of love. It was with was great pride and the deepest conviction that I chalked "Jesus loves me and my lesbian lover" in front of Wolman as part of DSAGA's celebration of National Coming Out Day. Both my girlfriend and I strive to fill our days with acts of compassion for all who surround us. We treat each other with the utmost respect and tenderness and I feel that our love has led me to a deeper understanding of God's love for us all. I cannot imagine a God who would not sanction a love as pure and strong as this.

I did not intend to offend anyone by the many quotes I wrote in honor of Coming Out Day. My goal was to open minds, to remind my fellow students that their homophobic comments are hurtful, and to offer acceptance to those who are still struggling with their sexuality.

I would like to close by reminding you all of the story of Galileo. He challenged the Biblical notion that the sun revolves around the earth (Genesis 1:14-19) and was therefore imprisoned by the Church. Galileo eventually retracted his statement, thus slowing the progress of astronomy for centuries. I regret that fundamentalism still blocks the pursuit of truth today.

Sincerely,
Julie Scharper
Public Relations Officer, DSAGA

Articles about gay rights miss "why DSAGA exists in the first place"

Dear Editors,

Comments I have heard, and sentiments expressed in the article "Gay rights a redundant cause," lead me to believe few people understand why

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DSAGA chalks every year on National Coming Out Day, or even why DSAGA exists in the first place. Why does DSAGA have to be visible and vandalize campus with their sexuality? *They should go back in the closet.* Contrary to the author's opinion in this article, I believe that it is possible and necessary to change people's "sensitivities, and proclivities." How is anyone going to learn if there are no people out teaching?

Studies have found that gay teenagers are more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual teens. I don't know the exact statistics, but statistics are not as important to me as people are. If there is *one* gay teenager who feels less alone because he saw a poster, or heard a positive comment about his sexuality, that is all I need to chalk this campus, to put up posters, to fight, to hang banners, to speak out. To me the purpose of National Coming Out Day is to refuse to live a life of secrecy that many feel. I am sorry that there are students on this campus who find the chalkings annoying and ridiculous. Chalking is one way of communicating ideas. DSAGA could hang up posters, but then again DSAGA posters have a tendency to be ripped down.

There are posters, ideas, things I dislike. I do not wish those people to stop speaking, to stop postering because I do not like what they have to say. I have respect for their ideas not to interfere with the expression of their beliefs, except when that expression infringes on my personal safety and rights.

Free speech is guaranteed by the First Amendment. I value that right as much as someone who wishes to speak homophobic ideas. The author of "Hate crimes legislation not a viable solution for our social ills," brings up important issues. I agree wholeheartedly that "strengthening family structures and reforming public education and welfare," must be addressed in America. I do not know how much hate crimes legislation deters someone from attacking another human being because of their race, religion, etc. What I do know is that a young man was murdered for one reason and one reason only, because he was gay. Was it fair for two men to beat him, burn him and then leave him to die? No, and those men should be punished more severely for the brutality in which they murdered Matthew Sheppard.

This is not an ideal country. There are some things that need to be given special attention, to be pointed out. Maybe hate crime laws are not the solution, but until a better one is found, sexual orientation should be included in the law.

Sincerely,
Kelly Visconti

Affirmative action rally "called upon University to avoid repeating history"

Dear Editors,

In providing an accurate description of the true purpose and operation of such programs, you gave a much needed breath of fresh air to what has become a suffocating social debate. I was present at Thursday's rally at the breezeway, and I would also like to praise the organizers and speakers for their important work. As a white stu-

dent, I attended the rally to hear the voices of the Hopkins African American community, voices which I think are not sought out enough. I also attended to show my support for affirmative action and its honorable purpose.

One point which the speakers raised was the importance of history for the debate. It is worth mentioning that, as an institution, Johns Hopkins has a history of conservatism on racial issues. In the 1960s, the University's administration was painfully slow in publicly supporting the principle of non-discrimination. It wasn't until 1965 that one official finally wrote, "It has been the aim of the University to be a model of non-discrimination, but to do it quietly." Over the course of the 1960s, the University missed countless opportunities to support civil rights, and remained stubbornly inactive. Last week's affirmative action events were important because they called upon the University to avoid repeating history by publicly taking a stand on the issue. Much has changed at Hopkins over the last thirty years, including the politics of the administration, faculty and students. I fear, however, that not enough has changed for the Johns Hopkins community to take the educated, noble position in support of affirmative action. In 1965 a Hopkins student group issued a statement that is still true for us today: "There is no neutral ground. Mere inaction, in the final result, is negative."

Sincerely,
Rob Palumbos

Hopkins football has "set a new standard for...all future classes"

Dear Editors,

The eighteen seniors on the Johns Hopkins Football team have become the all-time winningest class in the 113-year history of Hopkins football.

As a father and a fan, it has been a pleasure to watch this group of young men develop, mature, and distinguish themselves as winners on and off the field. The have set a new standard for Hopkins football that all future classes will be measured against.

As important as it is to acknowledge their great accomplishment, I believe it is of equal importance for us all to remember how they got there. It all started with Head Coach Jim Margraff, who without compromise, recruits top academic students who are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to excel in the classroom and win on game day. Coach Margraff's assistant coaches are equally deserving of praise for building a program that has produced four straight winning seasons.

The class that came before this year's senior class are the players that showed our record-setting seniors how the game should be played. This memorable season will soon end, and the torch will be passed to a talented group of underclassmen who have not only made their own contributions to this record-breaking season, but will look to set their own records as seniors next season, as the legacy of academic and athletic excellence at Johns Hopkins University marches on.

Congratulations to all — it's been a great four years.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Gulotta



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THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DEBATE: GOOD OR BAD FOR RACE RELATIONS?

Preferences only serve to divide us

Diversity only helps level the field

Affirmative Action is one of the most sadly ironic programs in the history of the American government. In order to grant equal treatment to all, it has flagrantly violated the 14th amendment rights of each and every citizen. Aiming to foster equality in the workplace, it has accentuated differences. Hoping to fight discrimination, it has racially polarized the nation. In each of its goals, affirmative action has worked in a maddeningly counterproductive way. Instead of its ends justifying its means, its means have prevented its ends. Now, simply because of its good intentions, affirmative action is defended as if it were a sacred cow, instead of being dismantled like the naïve mistake that it is.

This last week saw a large outcry (by Hopkins standards) in the name of defending affirmative action, supposedly "by any means necessary." Most of the propaganda which ensued revolved around the idea that affirmative action is not a quota system. Instead, reading directly from one flyer, "Federal contractors are required to establish goals and time-tables, and to make a good faith effort to meet them." Of course, what is not mentioned is that the achievement of these goals is enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a giant independent government agency with the power to bring to trial any company it considers to be not making the aforementioned "good faith effort." Verily, there are no quotas in affirmative action, but there are "goals," and woe to any who do not meet them.

However, the quota issue is little more than a war of public relations. "Quota" is a buzzword, fighting a pitched battle against "equal opportunity" in proxy of any real debate. The fact remains that regardless of whether quotas exist, affirmative action is a flawed program which should be dismantled.

Perhaps most significant is the fact that affirmative action violates the basic principle of the 14th amend-



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ment, the idea that each citizen should receive equal protection under the law. By applying enforced preferences in hiring practices, affirmative action legally treats some citizens differently than others, based on their minority status. Ironically, only some minorities benefit from this. At many universities and com-

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panies, Asians receive no preferential treatment, simply because they are not considered to be "disadvantaged." There is a legal hierarchy of preference: Minorities are ranked with the most disadvantaged gaining the most, then non-disadvantaged minorities, and then last of all the white male. This in and of itself is nothing new, but the fact that this is legally approved of results in a set of horrifying implications. Due to af-

firmative action, all else things being equal, a member of a minority is worth more than a member of the majority, and certain minorities are legally worth more than others. Essentially, by ranking us in terms of legal preference, affirmative action sets values on the lives of people based on the color of their skin. Oh, but wait, isn't that discriminatory?

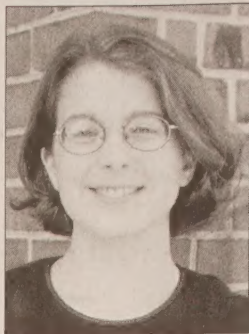
As an effect of this ranking of minorities, the country has become even more stratified than it was before. Now that we have all been put into little categories and labeled by our race and gender, we are ever more conscious of where we stand. More importantly, we know who we are not. By formally recognizing these differences in law, affirmative action has done more to accentuate racial and cultural differences than any national policy since segregation. Obviously, this does nothing to help racial harmony, and indeed it serves only to divide the nation further. Affirmative action also results in additional and undeserved stigmatization of minorities. The public perception among the majority is that affirmative action promotes minorities in favor of equally or more qualified members of the majority. As a result, minority employees and students are resented as having received an additional undeserved benefit, an unfair advantage. Whether or not this is true, it increases the amount of discrimination leveled against them, the opposite of what affirmative action seeks to accomplish.

While affirmative action means well, its methods are at cross purposes. While it has increased "opportunity" for a few members of minorities, it has done so at the expense of throwing us back 30 years in terms of racial division. By using a ham-handed and unequal policy to "level the playing field," affirmative action has caused racial polarization and resulted in even more discrimination, both as a backlash against minorities and in preference against the majority itself. While it would be nice to think that it has been an effective and useful program, the fact remains that affirmative action is anything but, and is discriminatory to boot.

I am a beneficiary of affirmative action. Perhaps not directly; while female, I have not come from an underprivileged background, nor am I of a non-majority racial background. Instead, I have benefited from affirmative action in that I attend one of the most prestigious universities in the United States — a university that would be incomplete without the diversity that characterizes it today, diversity that is linked to the efforts of affirmative action.

So now that we are diverse, we no longer need affirmative action, right? Isn't affirmative action just a quota system anyway? That is the myth of affirmative action, a system that is misunderstood because of the people that it helps: Those victims of sexism and racism. Affirmative action is neither a quota system, nor a system of preferences; instead, it is a leveling of the playing field. It is not a handout — instead, it provides opportunities. It singles out no one on the basis of race, white or black, or on the basis of sex, male or female. Rather, it specifies that being of a non-majority race, or being female is something that can be taken into account when applying to college or applying for a job. Under affirmative action, only those qualified applicants will be considered; however, as with veterans, in-state students, and athletic abilities, sex and ethnic origin is another element that is taken into account.

It can be argued, however, that race should not be taken into account as a factor, not in college admissions, and not in hiring processes — and not, those could argue, even in the "real world." Instead, we should adopt a color-blind attitude, and consider all of us as part of the human race, rather than of separate races. While this is an idyllic view, it takes a blind look at the way society actually is: We are a group divided by prejudice and misconception on issues related to race and sex, and by ignoring race, we will not change this fact. Instead, by sweeping the issue of race and sex under the rug, there is a tacit acceptance of the status quo, not the intended effect of creating a society where test scores, clubs joined, and all-around



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well-roundedness decide whether someone is accepted at a particular university.

Instead of taking an unrealistic view of discrimination, affirmative action takes a proactive stance, using a productive color consciousness to help those at a disadvantage claim their

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America citizenship to the fullest extent of its meaning; to achieve the greatest level that their ability allows, not the greatest level that society allows.

Which brings us to the great college debate: Should affirmative action be allowed in the admissions process of American universities? The resounding answer to this question is yes: Beyond the goal of having a diverse campus is a concern for the greater good. By sustaining a system that makes the proverbial race an equal one, and therefore putting minorities and women on an

equal footing, there is a way to begin to create a society that will, if nothing else, be a place where your efforts equal the output.

However, in recent legislation in Texas and in California, in reaction to a legal backlash by students claiming reverse discrimination, affirmative action policies have been reversed, with a frightening effect: The number of minority students accepted dropped to near negative proportions. To those who oppose affirmative action, this only confirms the notion of the quota system: By law school, the "race" should have evened itself out, right? Unfortunately, this is not the case, for throughout many minority students' undergraduate educations, they are haunted by the racism that affected them in the first place. While their schools are now up to par with the rest of their academic peers, their experiences aren't: as a result of inferior secondary schools, many students have skills to learn when they arrive, in addition to combating senses of not belonging and underlying sentiments of racism of the institutions at which they matriculated. It is not particularly welcoming when one's roommate tells you that "you're only here because of affirmative action" — the misunderstanding of the system, and it's inherently negatively biased intent can only serve to make the adjustment process of all freshmen more difficult.

Affirmative action does not hurt the society at large, nor does it hurt individuals: Those who claim "reverse discrimination" because a black student was accepted with lower scores is not looking at the whole picture, and perhaps needs a good dose of self-examination. And while it is not a perfect system, to dismantle it now would only set us back in the strides that we have made over the past thirty years. Discrimination should not be ignored; seeing five black professors at Hopkins does not mean that the battle is won. Affirmative action is the catalyst to change damaging ideas, and a policy that will curb the effects of ideologies that are unconstitutional and hinder the equal rights of all Americans.

Anorexia discussions in the media

skews towards sensationalism

Once again, America recycles the issue of waifery. This week's subject: Calista Flockhart, star of Fox's *Ally McBeal*. The noticeable weight loss on the already thin Flockhart prompted, among other features, an MSNBC hour with two female reporters. These reporters interviewed two recovering anorexic women and one of their doctors, Ira Sacker. Dr. Sacker, Chief of Adolescent Medicine in Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn, New York is one of the leading authorities on eating disorders. This year, he has launched a new center for eating disorders and also authored *Dying To Be Thin*, a book dealing with the horrors of anorexia and bulimia. In addition, he has been my personal physician and is a friend of the family.

In the course of this interview, Dr. Sacker, whose contribution to the dialogue on the subject of anorexia and bulimia would have been invaluable a but no one listened. Instead of capitalizing on the gem of an opportunity to truly educate the general public on the nature of these serious diseases, these MSNBC reporters confronted the issue with the same hyperbole and pontification that hinders progress on this delicate subject.

Essentially, the media is concerned that Calista Flockhart, if not anorexic, appears to be so and is idolized by millions of women and teenagers. The Emmy award winner, on her pedestal, they claim, will entice women and young girls to starve themselves to this emaciated state.

Upsetting as it is, the media raises a valid point. Our social values are in fact so twisted that the appearance of one woman will affect the behavior of millions. As reporters, they speculated on the root causes of the problem that makes many young women both want to idolize and idealize Calista Flockhart and other such celebrity personalities as well as on the causes and symptoms of anorexia in general.

However, I fail to understand their methods. The total minutes that Dr. Sacker and his patient consumed in speaking were no more than three in a one hour show. Furthermore, despite having a national expert on their show,



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they digressed to the NBC talking head doctor for a five minute dissertation on eating disorders that added nothing to the dialogue. One of the key problems with rallying against these sorts of diseases is the type of media attention they receive. Talking head

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physicians, with no connection to any anorexia patient and with no experience treating the disease, satisfy themselves with moralizing the problem in front of an audience of millions. Well then, doesn't the American public feel wonderful that they have a firm grasp on the issues revolving around eating disorders! We can now, with confidence, point our fingers at those poor children suffering, pat them on the back, give them a pep talk and everything will be alright with the world.

Two questions though: Are these girls listening? Does this incessant moralizing do any good? The answer to both queries is probably not. The problems involving eating disorders

are too complex and too involved for a one hour segment on a news show. Watering down the deep psychological and physical problems of a disease for which millions of dollars of research money is spent seems to be insulting and specious.

Were the disease's cure so simple, it would have been tackled a decade ago. Approaching the problem from the angle of bad society, bad double messages, bad parents, and bad media is not constructive. Anyone who watches this preachy nonsense on TV should not be expected to do more than yawn and continue to surf. It allows all the victims of this disease to say, "I don't have a self-esteem problem" and "I don't hear double messages." The "not me" syndrome that keeps hundreds out of a qualified professional's office becomes a worse epidemic than the disease.

I don't know what the right answer or how to intelligently combat the problem of anorexia is, but I am convinced that Dr. Sacker does. Unfortunately, my humility on the topic was not matched by these two journalists. Instead of probing Dr. Sacker and his patient for a way to help women they lectured him on the problem, this interview or discussion, or whatever other noun that night have applied, became a cross examination. When they wanted his opinion, they told him what it was. They added nothing to the discussion filling it with more and more drivel. Their tired and worn rhetoric most likely turned off any potential people who may have been helped by watching the show.

At the end of the day they did not resolve whether Flockhart was anorexic, how it affected American women, or help understand how to combat anorexia. They wasted the time of a man whose time would have been better spent seeing patients. The left has given so much flack to the social conservative majority on the AIDS issue. They condemned the right for abandoning America's sick to advance their political agenda. Here, the media, trying to repent for the sins of its colleagues perpetrates the same offense. For the sake of those who suffer from these debilitating and taxing diseases, leave them to the doctors who devote their lives to the victims. On this front they are the soldiers and they are the heroes.



Attack ads in local race lose voters

As we approached the general election, things looked good for Ellen Sauerbrey. In a statistical dead heat with the incumbent governor (which in actuality probably meant she was winning), she appeared confident and well-poised for a political upset.

One of the main facts supporting the Sauerbrey campaign was the de-energizing of the Democratic base. Many Democrats are not excited by Glendenning's candidacy, a fact supported by the high number of people who voted for Eileen Rehmann, a candidate who dropped out of the election in the primary. Thus, Sauerbrey, in a way, was actually benefiting from the relatively weak ticket that the Republicans were running across the state. In other words, because Democratic political legends Mikulski, Curran, and Schaeffer cannot energize the Democratic voting base alone, which accounts for 58 percent of all Maryland voters, they are bringing votes out for Sauerbrey. But because these three well-liked Democrats are running against political know-nothings Pierpont, Rappaport, and Epstein, the Democrats are assured of winning these three offices.

On top of the lack of enthusiasm of the Democrats for Glendenning, he has done little to expand out of the Democratic party. His commercials

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are attack ads designed to remind Democrats of why Sauerbrey is not their candidate, and his speeches are peppered with anti-Sauerbrey remarks. He allows his own record to fade into the background, as he focuses all of his attention on attacking her.

Meanwhile, Sauerbrey continued to cruise along, within a couple thousand votes of putting the state house into Republican hands for the first time since Spiro Agnew was governor. Then, the worst case scenario for Sauerbrey occurred: Pierpont, Rappaport, and Epstein went negative also.

Because Pierpont claims that feisty Senator Barbara Mikulski, who was routing Pierpont 69 percent/16 per-

cent in the last poll, has done nothing for Maryland or America, he gives Mikulski something to run on. While she was unable to get traditional supporters, who would vote for the governor if they voted at all, out to the polls because of the landslide victory that is expected, she is now able to get her traditional base angry that someone would attack the Senator in the mean-spirited way that Pierpont has done. Thus, Pierpont has allowed the Senator to re-energize her base, helping the governor. Similar things appear to be happening in the other statewide races. While Attorney General Joe Curran sat in shock while his opponent ravaged him during their debate, Curran has countered by going to his home base of Baltimore County, and has the voters there excited about electing him, his son Max, and maybe even the governor. Schaeffer, who needed no help re-energizing the Schaefferites, who were already awed by the return of the Don, received it anyway, as Epstein's radio attack ads did little for Epstein's hopes while returning even more fire to Schaeffer's proverbial belly.

Regardless of whether or not this late aid from the other candidates is enough to help Glendenning get re-elected, the message from this year's election is simple: Dirty tricks and negative ads no longer work. If you want to win, you need to do it cleanly.

SPORTS

These records are even more special

Although handicapped, Elam kicked the longest field goal ever

Breaking unbreakable records have become a theme this year in sports. Jason Elam tied Tom Dempsey's record for the longest field goal in NFL history on Sunday with his 63-yard boot at the end of the first half against Jacksonville. That kick was something I never thought I would see in my lifetime, and it was a record set by a guy born with only half of a right foot.

Much is made about sports being a showcase for the elite, a reason why natural selection works, where only the fastest and strongest come out to showcase their abilities. Yet there are so many athletes, professional and amateur alike, who may be blessed with athletic ability, but by luck or by birth, are not blessed with the little things that us pickup basketball players and 35 handicappers take for granted.

Like being able to hear, for instance. Imagine being a guy like Kenny Walker, who played defensive line in the league a few years ago, and was deaf. He couldn't hear his coaches or teammates or the roaring crowd. The Broncos and Nebraska before them had to hire a sign language interpreter in order to be able to com-



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municate with him. But despite all his obstacles he was a pretty darn good football player.

Or remember Jim Abbott, who was born with only one arm. But he never referred to his handicap as a "handicap"; to him it was merely a 'situation.' I can remember watching him for the first time, awestruck by the grace with which he could throw the ball, transfer his glove from the stub he had for a left arm to his right, make a play, flip the ball in the air and make a perfect throw to first.

Not only did he mow down batters during his college career at Michigan, but he led the US to a silver medal in the 1988 Olympics and threw a no-hitter for the Yankees in 1994. But despite all of his accomplishments, Jim Abbott's most amazing accomplishment was when he stepped on a baseball diamond for the first time, defying all odds and making him a legend no matter how many batters he struck out or how many Cy Youngs he won.

Dempsey was lucky in a sense, because his handicap made him a better kicker. That club he had for a right foot, when he kicked the ball, was the difference between hitting a driver and a nine-iron. But the fact remains that Dempsey set a record that has stood for 28 years, with half of a right foot and no left hand.

Of course, it's amazing to watch those perfect, fine tuned specimens exhibit their athletic ability on the playing field, but the essence of sport is captured by guys and girls like Dempsey, Abbott and Walker. Because it's not the biceps, or the 40 yard dash times, or the numbers on the speed gun that matter, because anything can be overcome if you've got the heart to do it.



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In their first major performance, the men's novice 8+ boat finished 21st out of 30 boats.

Crew makes presence felt at the Head of the Schuylkill

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LETTER

Hopkins Crew raced five boats at the Thomas Eakins Head of the Schuylkill Regatta last Saturday. The 2.35-mile course on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, saw three varsity and two novice entries from Hopkins.

The Men's Lightweight 8+ finished 11th out of 17 boats with a time of 14:04.48. That crew was Ed O'Malley, Corey Lanum, Doug Keen, Andy Genz, Johns Shiles, Giles Clarke, Dave Paschon, Elliot Martin and coxswain Sanae Kubota. About the race, Kubota said, "We were fewer than 10 seconds out of 5th place, which says quite a bit

about the competition."

The Women's Varsity team entered two boats in Saturday's competition. In the Open 8+ event, Jessica Myers, Jamila Chevalier, Karin Diener, Jen Dasch, Meredith Emanuel, Vanessa Stroh, Katie Bell, Terry Prendiville and coxswain Maia Hurley finished 23rd out of 34 boats with a time of 16:51.00. In the Open 4+ event, Amy Wu, Kathryn Rosenblatt, Amanda Shafer, Danielle Vignati and coxswain Barbara Kiviat finished 32nd out of 38 boats with a time of 19:28.98.

The entry in the Women's Novice 8+ finished 14th out of 31 boats with a time of 18:12.03. In the Men's Nov-

ice 8+ event, Mike Smith, Nick Ramey, Roberto Perez, Chris Pöhl, Roger Wendell, Wilson Tong, Jeffrey Arkles, Brad Everett and coxswain Asher Peltz finished 21st out of 30 boats with a time 16:28.99.

About the crew's performance, Smith said, "On Saturday I saw a real improvement in the boat. Our confidence level was up, and our rowing showed it."

Peltz agreed when he said, "We had a strong race, the best we've ever rowed."

This Saturday, Hopkins Crew will attend the Head of the Occoquan Regatta in Northern Virginia.

Midnight Madness packs the gym



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Junior Josh Pahys exhibits his talents in the men's team pickup game.

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With DJ Donald Davis working the beats, and Nadia and George running the show, the event also featured performances by the cheerleading squad and the Lady Jays dance squad. But the real stars were, of course, the players.

First to be introduced, at midnight, was the women's team, which returns three seniors and five junior standouts. Four of the five rookies from last season will also be contributing to the overall JHU attack.

In addition, four new faces have joined the squad, with freshmen Jennifer Butterwei, Michelle Kincaid, Sandrine Guez, and Heidi Sumser entering their rookie season.

Captains Jennifer Deaderick and Joy Vaccaro have three seasons under their belts and will step into the

big shoes left behind by last year's senior captains Julie Anderson and Angie Arnold, who rewrote the JHU record books in their four incredible seasons as the Blue Jays' one-two punch.

Hopkins' new guard-center combo is the dynamic duo of sophomore's Leslie Ritter and Marjahna Segers. The pair had a tremendous season last year as Ritter broke ankles left and right and Segers demolished opponents in the paint.

In addition, senior Felicia Schorr, juniors Kathleen Fitzgerald and Kelly Hamilton, and sophomores Molly Malloy, Chrissy Mack and Erin Perry all contributed greatly to the Jay's 24-5 season which ended in the NCAA DIII Elite Eight.

Head Coach Nancy Blank and assistant coaches Wanda Richardson

and Sonia Keiner are at the helm of an experienced and talented team. They will look to improve on four straight seasons with NCAA tournament appearances, including Elite Eight finishes in the last two years.

Given just enough to catch a breath from cheering for the women's team, the crowd reached a mighty roar as the men's squad was introduced.

Losing starters Kamau Coar, Greg Roehrig and Evan Ellis to graduation, the team will be captained by three-point ace Matt Geschke and junior guard Jake Stroman.

Roehrig was the Centennial Conference Player of the Year and a great co-captain last season. At the one position was fellow co-captain Coar, who was a defensive specialist. Their talents and leadership will be greatly missed this season.

However, Geschke, the only senior to return, and company possess the fire power to score in the traditional Blue Jays fashion and Stroman is also a defensive specialist.

Joining the two will be junior standouts Nino Vanin, Jon Olson and Joel Wertman. Sophomore David Roehrig, younger sibling of Greg, also made a splash his rookie season and will be looked to continue the family tradition.

Five talented rookies showcased their skills to their new home crowd very early Saturday morning, as Brian Cosgrove, Matthew Eisley, Michael Halas, Patrick Ryan and David Shaw ran, slammed and jammed for the fans.

The entire coaching staff with head coach Bill Nelson and assistant coaches Bob McCone, Ed Richardson and Kevin McIver running the show is back to keep the JHU winning tradition going strong.

Both teams will play their first games in the Blue Jays Classic on November 21-22. In the opening round, the men's team will play Ithaca, while the women's squad will take on Joh Carroll.

In the preseason polls, the women's team is ranked 16th and 19th by Columbus Multimedia and DIII News, respectively.

Adams/Baker makes it look easy

JOEL LUCAS

BIA BIATCH

The 6-on-6 Outdoor soccer tournament provided numerous entertaining games this weekend as more teams turned out than I've ever seen in my four years at Hopkins.

The fraternity division was won by SAE over Pike 5-2. The game was tied at 2 after halftime thanks to two long goals by Ryan Seggle from Pike. Pike, playing a man down the entire game, fatigued in the second half and SAE, led by Mark Kelley's hat trick, proved to be too much for the Pike men to overcome.

The dorm tournament was won by Adams/Baker for the second week in a row. The semi-final game between McCoy 3 and Adams/Baker proved to be the most exciting of the day as Adams/Baker won the 1-1 tie on penalty kicks 3-2. Nate Young

scored the goal in regulation and Andrew Zwible scored two of the three penalty kicks to earn Adams/Baker a berth in the finals.

In the finals, McCoy 1 fell behind Adams/Baker 5-0, as Greg "Zilla" Gazzillo led A/B with two goals and Andrew Zwible once again led the way with stellar play. However, Ashok Aggarwal scored a couple goals in the last 3 minutes of the games to help McCoy 1 shorten Adams/Baker's lead to 5-3 before time ran out.

In the open league, the "Dogs" from McCoy 3 avenged their loss in the dorm tournament by winning over the team from Homewood 4-3. After jumping out to an early 3-0 lead,

McCoy 3 started to self-destruct after one of their players was given a red card and the team had to play a man down the rest of the game. Although their comeback was admirable, Homewood missed many attempts in the goal box, leaving Pat Boylan's crew to wonder what could have been.

The football playoffs also started yesterday with Wolman 6/7 E, Hollander and Wolman 6/7 W advancing. While the teams facing Hollander and Wolman 6/7 E were too scared to show up, Griffin/Jennings challenged the team from 6/7 W and was humiliated 42-6 as Sean Burke's crew of freshman and sophomores ran wild all day long. The playoffs continue with excellent games between Sylvester and Wolman 4E and McCoy 1W and McCoy 6 coming soon to the BIA fields near you.

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Men's Soccer sinks Shoremen

BY GEORGE C. WU
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

With JHU freshman Matt Doran opening all scores with a header from junior Teddy Zingman, the Johns Hopkins men's soccer team cruised to a 4-1 victory over Washington College yesterday night.

MEN'S SOCCER		
HOME		
Hopkins (12-1-1, 4-0)	12	1
VISITOR		
Allentown	10	0
HOME		
W. Maryland	10	0
VISITOR		
Hopkins (13-1-1, 5-0)	13	1
HOME		
Hopkins (14-1-1, 5-0)	14	1
VISITOR		
Washington College	01	1

In their fourth straight victory after a disappointing loss to Roanoke, which ended hopes for an undefeated season, the squad is now 14-1-1 and 6-0 in the conference.

Doran had two goals and an assist to Zingman in the match. Zingman's pass to the rookie was returned with five seconds left in the game, as the junior scoring leader directed a pass from Doran pass a dumbfounded Washington goalkeeper.

"Matt has really blossomed this season. He is really passionate about scor-



JOE YOON/NEWS-LETTER
Rookie Neil Mahta puts the ball in play as the Blue Jays got back onto the winning track after a tough loss to Roanoke.

ing goals," said head coach Matt Smith.

Freshman Ryan Kitzen contributed one goal and an assist to Doran. On defense, senior co-captain and starting goalie Keith Millman made a rare mistake in allowing the Shoremen's only goal, but the entire defensive unit only allowed two other shots on goal.

"We are playing well, and this is good win over a decent team. It's a good preparation for Dickinson and Gettysburg. It's really a two-game season now. Nothing we have done counts, but tonight was a good indicator because Washington took both Gettysburg and Dickinson to overtime," said Millman, who has recorded

40 saves this season and 5.5 shutouts.

On Halloween, JHU will play Centennial Conference foe Dickinson. Conference foes Gettysburg, ranked fourth in the nation, is scheduled for four days later and Franklin & Marshall is the last match of the regular season.

With these three final games, JHU will face two of the toughest teams this season. In terms of winning the conference, they are must-wins.

"Our big focus is winning the Centennial Conference, so we must beat two top 20 teams. The teams coming up are a notch above Washington, but the Shoremen did take Dickinson to overtime," said Smith.

Last week, JHU stayed at home and gave Allentown an 8-0 beating to start things off right. The Blue Jays then extended its conference unbeaten streak to 11 games with a 3-0 victory over Western Maryland in Westminster, MD.

The eight goals Hopkins scored against Allentown were the most the team has scored in a game since October 11, 1995 when it defeated Western Maryland, 9-0. Freshman Aerick Williams began the onslaught in the 14th minute as he lit the lamp for the seventh time this season.

Against Western Maryland, sophomore Rosario Chiarenza gave Hopkins a 1-0 half-time lead with his second net-finder of the year.

Captains John Del Monaco and Millman, and Zingman have been solid all season and their skills and leadership have helped the Blue Jays get back on a roll, just in time for Dickinson and Gettysburg.

Volleyball fights top-ranked CC rival Gettysburg

Blue Jays head for the UAA Champs.

BY MEREDITH MAKE
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

During their six-game winning streak, Hopkins rolled over Conference opponents with ease and each victory intensified the team's hunger to improve, supersede, dominate—win. That streak ended on October 21, when Hopkins (7-2) fell to undefeated Gettysburg (9-0) in three heated sets.

MEN'S SOCCER		
HOME		
Hopkins (15-10, 7-2)	15	10
VISITOR		
Gettysburg	07	02

But the passionate intensity which had quietly accumulated was at its climax that Wednesday night. The Blue Jays knew they were facing the toughest competition in the Centennial Conference and they rose to the challenge, exuding more spirit, energy, and talent than ever before.

"We played absolutely well, almost to perfection. We accomplished more in the first and third games than any other this season. We showed we are able to run with somebody of top-level caliber," Coach Singleton proudly commented following the match.

Fans must have known how competitive the match would be, how important it was to the team, because for once they turned out in droves.

And they did not just line the bleachers as nonchalant spectators; they brought balloons, signs, and vocal support. The first game was positively electric. Every Hopkins point was cause for raucous celebration; it was a small victory, moving the Blue Jays closer to their larger goal.

JHU played at the best level it knew how during this first game. The score jockeyed back and forth, unsure of who to give the advantage to, and so remained balanced nearly the whole way.

After being tied at every score up to 7-7, Hopkins seized the momentum of their home-court advantage and surged to a 12-7 lead. But the Bullets slowly crawled their way back up to bring themselves within one

point of Hopkins at 14-13.

At this crucial point in the match, both teams nervously tried to grasp the victory. Gettysburg made a side-out, and Hopkins copied. Then both teams served into the net. Finally, Gettysburg stole two points and the lead, and when down 14-15, Hopkins called a time out. After the timeout, in a blur, Gettysburg scored game point, escaping with a 16-14 win. The momentum had shifted.

Though their "Yeah Team, 1-2-3 Team" cheers were still louder than usual, and their feistiness was still at an all-time high, Hopkins could not give Gettysburg as difficult of a time in the second game. After being tied at 4-4, Gettysburg pulled ahead to make the score 4-11, and the Blue Jays eventually relinquished the game 6-15.

The beginning of the third game seemed to replenish Hopkins' spirit. "Let's Go Hopkins!" cheers resonated from the bleachers and the players presented determined faces. After another 4-4 tie, Hopkins grabbed the lead 9-4 and continued to dominate the scoring until it was 12-7.

Gettysburg woke up just then and scored seven unanswered points to bring themselves to the brink of victory. In their attempt to seize the game-point, they hit the gym ceiling, thus giving Hopkins the opportunity to catch up.

But JHU was unable to score, and

Gettysburg ended the evening with a 15-12 victory in game three. Mary Alexis Paul played her heart out, donating ten kills and six digs to

"It's always disappointing to lose, but we played really well. You can't ask for a better loss than one in which you know you played well."

—MICHELLE DUMLER

her team's cause.

Chrissy Horan spiked nine kills at her opponents, Alison Hamon smashed seven and both players has two solo blocks and four block assists. Katie Gleeson led the team with eleven digs, and Michelle Dumler supported the team's offense with thirty-one assists.

"It's always disappointing to lose, but we played really well," Dumler explained after the match. "You can't ask for a better loss than one in which you know you played well."

Last night Hopkins ended their regular season in an away match at Dickinson. This weekend they travel to St. Louis for the UAA Championships.

Top goalie Kelly Hoffman halts losses

ANDREAYAFFE
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kelly Hoffman came to college knowing that she wanted to play field hockey and she certainly has made an impression in the Hopkins field hockey history doing so.

Presently Hoffman is fourth in the conference with an average of 1.25 goals allowed per game and she makes about 7.95 saves per game. However even her recent individual game statistics show so much more as she made 10 saves in the game against Swarthmore, and 23 in their past game against Gettysburg.

"She's definitely a key component of our team because she's pulled through for us in many games," said junior Ashley Dawkins. "She's an amazing player and we're lucky to have her."

Hoffman spent her first two high school years in Stafford, VA, playing cross country, basketball and track. Her amazing field hockey career actually began on a whim, in just her

junior year of high school. Her sister who is two years younger than her, wanted to try out for the field hockey team her freshman year and so Hoffman had to drive her to practice. When she dropped her sister off, the coach approached her with the problem that the team needed a goalie. Not only did she make the varsity team that year, but she was chosen as captain as well.

As a result of her previously hidden talent, Hoffman was recruited

to apply early, and her acceptance finalized her decision.

"I knew I wanted to play a sport in college because I like to have a busy schedule so I don't just sit around. In addition I'm really competitive so sports are a great way to get that out," said Hoffman.

The skills that she has provided the team over the last three years propelled her into the position of tri-captain with Barbara Ordes and Alexis Pennotti for her senior season. When she focuses on the advice she gives to her team, she says that she pushes the team to, "Have a sense of urgency in the circle with reference to the offense. Regarding the defense, I encourage them to get angry at the girl who beats them."

Yet looking back on her field hockey experience, this season has presented her with one of the biggest challenges of her career. "I feel like this team is really young, and this has been a hard year anyways with the switching of coaches. We've produced a lot but it's been hard."

In addition to focusing on Hopkins' field hockey team, Hoffman plays for the Baltimore-based club team called "The Hellcats." This is a traveling team that plays a number of highly competitive national teams

including the United States team as well. Later in the season the team will play in England.

However field hockey isn't the only thing that keeps Hoffman busy these days.

"During my freshman year, I wasn't sure if I really liked Hopkins and one of the other players challenged me to get through it. Now I am glad that she did so because if you make it through here, Hopkins will take you places..."

—KELLY HOFFMAN

lic Defender's office.

Yet as she looks back at her four years at Hopkins she knows that she has learned a lot, not just academically about life.

"During my freshman year, I wasn't sure if I really liked Hopkins and one of the other players challenged me to get through it. Now I am glad that she did so because if you make it through here, Hopkins will take you places because of the name and because you will be able to survive academically and socially anywhere."



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for colleges during her senior year. She ended up looking at schools based on their field hockey team and their academics, and Hopkins, James Madison University, and Princeton ended up being her biggest pursuers. After visiting Hopkins, the coach encouraged her

Cross Country road trips it to Chicago

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This past weekend the Cross Country team went half way across the country to participate in the UAA Championship meet. The weekend featured some fast times, a dinner at the illustrious Maters' estate, and a complete lack of sleep.

The meet, held in Chicago's western suburbs, proved to be an experience which will benefit the team as they close the season.

The men looked extremely impressive. For the past seven years, every time the men's team ran this race, they placed in the bottom two. But with something to prove to the competition, as well as themselves, the men stepped it up.

The team took 5th in the field, falling to the national caliber teams of Brandeis, Carnegie Mellon, Washington and Emory. This was also interesting because every team that beat them had a runner in the top ten,

further proving the strength of the team.

This was the team's finest outing at the UAA Championships since 1991, when they placed fifth.

Senior Jin "Grout" Lancaster led the way for the Jays. Lancaster toured the course in 26:48, which gave him 19th place.

Clipping his heels was sophomore Drew Kitchen. Kitchen, in front of a home crowd, earned 20th, clocking a 26:52. The time also gives Kitchen three of the top eight times by Hopkins' runner this year.

Rounding out the first pack of Jays across the line was junior Matt Wisnioski, who was 24th in 27:04.

Stepping up big time was junior Jay Barry. Barry, benefiting from a flat course which he thought was a track, earned 38th (27:35). Closing the scoring was Susumu "El Duque" Miura. Miura chased Barry in, taking 39th with a time of 27:35.

With solid back-to-back showings

in the last two weekends (Hopkins placed 8th in the 45-team Allentown Invitational), the Blue Jays will be looking for a top five finish at this week's Centennial Conference Championships. The Blue Jays placed fifth at the Centennial Championships last season, the highest finish in school history.

The women's team also produced their fastest times of the year. Katy Hsieh ran a personal best 20:50 on the 3.1 mile course, closely followed by Heather Relyea in 20:51.

Finishing out the top five were Sonia Cohen, Cheryl Werner, and Stephanie "Rocky" Black, all crossing the finish line below the 21:45 mark. Even running their season's best race, the nationally-ranked competition was too much for the Lady Jays, who finished 9th in the team standings.

However, with only one senior and no juniors in the top eight, the underclassmen are looking forward to sea-

sons of success in the future as they continue to train and mature as a team.

The mountains of Western Maryland now call the team to come out and battle devils and dodge the bullets at the Centennial Conference meet. The men enter this meet with momentum in their favor as the team has become a much smarter, more mature team in the past month.

Execution will be key, as the men feel they have an excellent shot a second place finish, something the team has never accomplished.

The women also look to better their 4th-place finish of last year, relying on their new-found speed and confidence.

They will look to bounce back this week at the Centennial Championships. The Blue Jays placed fourth at last season's Centennial Conference Championships, the highest finish in school history.

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W. Soccer @ Dickinson, 12 p.m.
X-Country @ Cent. Champs, 11 a.m.
F. Hockey vs. F & M @ home, 5 p.m.
Volleyball @ UAA Championships

SPORTS

DID YOU KNOW?

When you trun on the television these days, you will almost always see a sports figure earning some extra cash by serving as spokespeople for one product or another. But did you know that in the midst of the advertising frenzy, NFL hall-of-famer Joe Namath used to model panty hose?



JOE YOON/NEWS-LETTER

The "thin" offensive line has proved their worth this season, especially in this past game by not allowing a sack.

Football continues to roll, 43-19

BY DAVID POLLACK
 NEWS-LETTER STAFF

The Hopkins football team took care of business again last week with a sound 43-19 drubbing of 0-7 Bridgewater, at Jopson field in Virginia.

Although the offense played exceptionally, it was the defense this week which was the story of the game, forcing five turnovers that led to 23 Blue Jay points. J.R. Gurrieri was once again a driving force on defense, picking up a career-high 14 tackles. This total added to his season total of 61, which leads the team.

"J.R. really stepped up in this game," coach Margraff said of the sophomore linebacker, who was selected to the Centennial Conference Honor Roll for his efforts. "They were a little bigger than we were, and he was up to the challenge."

Margraff also pointed to another defender, freshman linebacker Craig Reinert, who came from an injury last week. "It seems like he's back to full strength now," the coach said, noting Reinert's impressive play in an abridged role last Saturday. "It was encouraging."

In the waning moments of the final quarter, Reinert picked off a Bridgewater pass on the Hopkins 48-

yard-line and took it back the distance for Hopkins' final touchdown of the game.

Not to be overlooked in the victory, or in the season, for that matter, is the offensive line, who "like to go about their jobs," according to Margraff. Always a position difficult to quantify, this offensive line was thought to be a "little thin" by some in the beginning of the season, but has exceeded expectations thus far and did not allow a sack last Saturday.

"They're pretty excited about what they've accomplished so far," the coach said. The words did come with a stern warning, however, that "the three biggest defenses we're going to face are coming up in these next three weeks." It will be interesting to see if the line will continue its impressive play against Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall and finally defending champ Western Maryland in the upcoming matches.

The quarterback "non-controversy" was also a factor in last week's contest. While Wayne Rocca was 14 for 21 with two touchdowns, Jamie Monica threw for only 40 yards and completed only a third of his passes. Still Margraff maintains that this is not a problem. "They feed off each other," he said, pointing to the fact

that the two styles are very similar, so that the rest of the offense does not have to adjust each time they are switched.

In addition to this, Monica, although only accumulating 83 yards over the past two weeks, offers an ability to scramble out of the pocket, which Rocca does not. In response to whether he would choose one quarterback if Hopkins got into a must-win situation, Margraff basically answered no, saying that he would only "switch one guy for the other as a matter of feeling, or if one guy gets hot."

Next week, Hopkins will host conference rival Dickinson, who has struggled this season, but who always plays JHU tough every year. Last season, Dickinson emerged victorious after a triple-overtime extravaganza, and two years ago, Hopkins escaped by a slim 2-point margin, 16-14. "We have to stop the run if we're going to beat them this time," Margraff said. "We have to make them feel like they have to throw."

On a lighter note, the win last week marked win number 50 for Coach Margraff. When asked how he felt about the momentous occasion he laughed, saying "I didn't have a clue. I think I should have a lot more than 50."

Women's Soccer unbeaten in 11

BY CHARBEL BARAKAT

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

More dominant than Ken Starr in a room full of politicians, the Johns Hopkins women's soccer team recorded two more wins last week, registering a pair of shutouts against two strong opponents. Now unbeaten in its past 11 matches, the team charges into the season's final days with a record of 11-2-1, 6-0-1 in Centennial Conference play, and a strong chance at advancing to the NCAA tournament.

On October 21, the Blue Jays jumped aboard the team bus and drove down I-95 to Washington, D.C. for a matchup against the Cardinals of Catholic University. The fans down in the nation's capital were treated to a Hopkins victory in a game far more lop-sided than the 1-0 score would indicate. Despite outshooting the hapless Cardinals 16-0, the Jays caught some bad bounces and could only manage to knock one past the CUA goalkeeper in the second half.

Karen Hirsch took a soft pass from Sarah Parsons, Hopkins' Gretzky of the pitch, and beamed one into the net for her first tally of the year. It was Parsons' 13th assist in her career at Hopkins, tying her for the school's highest total ever.

The win marked the fourth consecutive season JHU has defeated the Cardinals. The Blue Jays have outscored Catholic, 11-2 in the four Battles of the Birds since 1995.

The Jays' final home game of the season came three days later as the Swarthmore Garnet Tide came calling. Alix Batty got JHU on track for its sixth conference victory of the season with a goal in the game's 40th minute. It was her third goal of the fall, all three having been game-winners for the freshman. Beth Rappold lent an assist to record her first point of 1998. Midway through the second half, Rachael Abelson scored JHU's second goal of the day and her fourth of the season. The Garnet Tide appeared to pay special attention on defense to Sarah Parola, who only managed to get off one shot on the day but contributed with an assist



JOE YOON/NEWS-LETTER

These days each player is chipping in towards the Championship run.

on Abelson's goal. A defense anchored by Kathleen Hanlon, Shannon Taylor, and Lindsay Shewmaker helped the Blue Jays record their eighth shutout of 1998 and 19th since the beginning of the 1997 campaign.

Before the Swarthmore game, the team's three seniors were honored. Along with Taylor, Nina Creedman and Marie Bober were honored for their dedication to the Blue Jay program.

Parola still leads JHU in scoring with 30 points, while Parsons and Abelson follow behind with 14 and 11, respectively. Kate Cushman has five and a half shutouts to go along

with a 0.78 goals against average.

This week, the Blue Jays look to round out their season with two tough games on the road against perennial powerhouses Gettysburg and Dickinson. Gettysburg, the only Centennial Conference team ranked ahead of JHU in the region, should be the team's greatest challenge. A victory in this match would propel Hopkins to the top of their conference and greatly improve their chances of gaining a berth in the NCAA tournament. A loss in either match could place the Blue Jays' postseason prospects in jeopardy. Any way you look at it, this next week will be make-or-break for Hopkins.

Freshman leads field hockey to 1-0 win



JOE YOON/NEWS-LETTER

Sophomore Lauren Carney assisted on the lone goal against Gettysburg to give her three assists for the year.

BY CARA GITLIN

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Freshman Maura Dudley scored her first goal of the season to lead JHU to a 1-0 win at home over Swarthmore on Saturday. The unassisted goal came with just 4:07 left to play in the game.

JHU was outshot but still came away with the win. Swarthmore took 16 shots inside the circle to JHU's 11. Dudley's goal came in her first start of the year. "It was a really tough game," said Dudley.

The coaches had "big expectations that we would do well and we could win the game," Dudley said, even though Swarthmore "has been a really strong team in the past." At half-time, with the score deadlocked at zero, the team felt "we were still in the game," said Dudley.

The team knew they just "needed to take advantage of opportunities," said junior tri-captain Barbara Ordes. Junior Jenny Silverman admitted that "there was a sense of urgency [at half-time]. We needed to score and put

the game away."

Senior tri-captain Kelly Hoffman made 10 saves in the game. In addition to outshooting JHU inside the circle, Swarthmore took nine corners, including five in the second half, to JHU's six. Despite all of the statistics in their favor, Swarthmore came up empty.

Dudley said that there is only one factor that matters in these games, "It comes down to how intense we are."

Junior Jenny Silverman said the Swarthmore win was "important because we haven't beaten them in the last few years. It was important for the team just to show we're a strong team."

JHU broke a two-game losing streak with the win over Swarthmore. "The loss to Washington College really got to us," said Dudley. The team was really looking for a win to stop the losing streak, and "Swarthmore was the perfect team to do it against," Dudley said.

"We played with intensity the whole game," said Silverman, which

was significant because "we've been lacking [intensity] over the last few games." Their strategy was to "use the bench a lot" commented Dudley. "Every few minutes there was someone in [the game] that was fresh. It helped to have someone new in" constantly to keep the intensity level up.

On Tuesday, the field hockey team traveled to Gettysburg and fell, 5-1. Gettysburg was ranked sixth in Division 3 going into the game and was the number one team in the Centennial Conference. Gettysburg jumped out to a 4-0 lead, but was held to just one goal in the second half. "Their forwards put a lot of pressure on us," said Silverman.

Junior Ashley Dawkins scored JHU's lone goal, which came with 26:12 left in the second half. Sophomore Lauren Carney and senior tri-captain Alexis Pennotti both assisted on the goal, which was Dawkins' team-high eighth of the season. Ordes said "I don't necessarily think they're a better team, I just don't think we played very well."

"They were very scrappy offen-

sively," said Silverman, and "they capitalized on their opportunities," which made the difference in the game. Silverman does not think that "the score was necessarily representative of the match-up of skills."

Hoffman made 23 saves in the game. Pennotti's assist was her eighth of the season and the 17th of her career, leaving her just two shy of tying the school record. Carney now has three assists to go along with two goals. Dawkins has 17 total points to lead the team.

Knowing they were going up against a tough conference opponent in Gettysburg, "we definitely expected a challenge," said Silverman.

Ordes said the team was aware that Gettysburg is "a good grass team," and JHU is more accustomed to playing on turf.

Before the game, Dudley said the game plan was to "stay intense. That's the only way we're going to play well. It'll mean a lot if we do well," in terms of the seedings for the NCAA tournament.

"We knew we needed to start off strong [against Gettysburg]," said Ordes, but the team was not able to do so. "We definitely expected a challenge because they're a very strong team. We also felt we could be competitive," said Silverman.

Silverman also noted that "we wanted to show we're a strong team and go out and prove to ourselves as well as to other people that we can be very competitive."

With the Swarthmore win and their victory over Salisbury State, JHU has now beaten two ranked teams this year. Their win over Salisbury State knocked them out of the rankings. Dudley noted that "it's encouraging that we're good enough to take someone out," even though JHU is not ranked themselves.

They have an overall record of 9-7 and are 5-3 in the conference. They will play their final two games of the regular season this week. They travel to Wesley on Thursday, and on Saturday evening host Franklin and Marshall, their regular season finale.



JOE YOON/NEWS-LETTER

Hopkins students will soon get another look at Junior transfer Wes Moore.

Midnight Madness tips off Basketball

BY GEORGE WU

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

As the general mayhem caused by Jerry Springer's appearance at Shriver, Friday night, began to wind down at one end of the Homewood campus, a steady rumble could be heard emanating from the Larry Goldfarb Gymnasium at the Athletic Center.

Spurred by the low calorie, yet caffeine rich free samples of Pepsi One, the energizing Taco Bell snacks,

and the, well, cheerfulness of the cheerleaders, the mass that gathered for the Johns Hopkins Basketball's annual Midnight Madness kept the gym buzzing with excitement.

Beginning with some prize giveaways, which had fans jumping and shouting like lunatics, or fanatics for that matter, and others trying to be like Mike and get the ball through the hoop, Midnight Madness kicked off the first practice for the men's and women's varsity squads.

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Quote
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Student: Why did you write personal checks to hookers?

Jerry Springer: I didn't have enough cash.

Don't know much about Islam?

BROOKE LAYNE HARDISON
THROUGH MY EYES

Who could miss the inquisitive messages all over campus? "Don't know much about Islam? Come find out." Though I would normally ignore such a poster, this time it was different.

Freshman year was the first time I ever met a Muslim person. She was one of my suitemates and the only thing I ever learned about her religion was that she had to keep her head covered (*hijab*) and for one month she was only allowed to eat after sundown (*Ramadan*).

Last year, I met this guy who lived on my floor who happened to be Muslim. He and his friends would gather to pray on our floor. My dorm room happened to be between the Wolman 2 West lounge and Mecca, so they would pray right near my front door.

As soon as Wahhaj stepped up to the podium, he said, "I don't think Islam is A solution to human needs. I think Islam is the ONLY solution to human needs." (Bringing my friends with me was seeming like an even wiser decision). He then went on to

every once in a while use Arabic instead of English.

This feeling of familiarity disappeared quickly, however. Wahhaj quoted from the Qur'an a verse which he translated to mean, "Whoever doesn't accept Islam will be among the losers." By losers he meant those who will not be accepted by God during the Judgment. Then as if to make things better he said, "But I have good news for you Christians!"

He looked right at my friends and me and said that according to the Qur'an, anyone who converts to Islam from Christianity will be doubly blessed. This was a very odd moment for me. I felt like he was saying that I was going to Hell unless I became a Muslim, but that if I converted, I would be even better off than people who were born Muslims.

Believe it or not, I wasn't insulted, nor were many of the non-Muslim students who were there. Sam Lang, a senior who calls himself a Jewish follower of Jesus Christ, summed it up when he said, "I think he wholeheartedly expressed his beliefs as anyone with strong beliefs would."

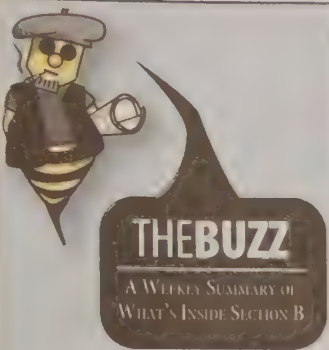
Wahhaj gave the audience a lot to think about. To the non-Muslim students that I spoke to, he provided a "better understanding of the beliefs of Islam" and gave them a basis for understanding Islam and its followers a little better.

For the Muslim students, he provided inspiration. Junior Feras Mousilli said "He appeals to your heart, to your reason and to your senses. His call is universal ... for the unification and harmony of mankind."

The second speaker was Jamal Badawi, whose talk was titled "Islam: Terrorism and Jihad." His talk was more focused on intellectual issues than spiritual issues. He explained a very difficult and sensitive Islamic issue very well.

Contrary to popular belief, he said, Jihad is NOT "holy war." It is basically any strife or struggle which a person endures for the sake of Islam.

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Edgar Allan Poe: Baltimore's own man of mystery

BY MARCUS LEUNG-SHEA
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Every year since 1949, on the night of Edgar Allan Poe's birthday, a stranger affectionately dubbed the Poe Toaster leaves a bottle half-full of cognac and three roses on his grave at Westminster Hall in southern Baltimore. The significance of the bottle is open to speculation, and the identity of this secret and faithful admirer is unknown — one of many mysteries surrounding the death of the famed writer and Baltimorean.

Edgar Allan Poe, writer of many popular poems and stories, rests somewhat peacefully at Westminster Hall at the corner of Greene and Fayette Streets, just three miles from the Homewood Campus. Where exactly at Westminster nobody is certain. Does Poe lay to the left of his grandfather's tomb or to the right? Is Poe under the monument which bears his name or not? In truth, we know very few things about Poe. We can only paint a picture of his life from second-hand accounts that often contradict each other, creating a trail of controversy in the wake.

Although he was born in Boston, Poe told people that he was from Baltimore. Poe was orphaned before he turned three and moved to Richmond, Virginia to live with foster parents. In 1826, he entered the Univer-

sity of Virginia, but left a year later.

During the course of his life, Poe wrote many works, and is even credited with the creation of the detective story. Poe's most famous poem, "The Raven," inspired the name of Baltimore's NFL team. Some argue that "The Raven" is the most popular

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poem ever written.

Of all the events of his life, the one that continues to baffle his supporters and critics, and forever binds Poe's name with Baltimore, is his death. On the night of October 3rd, 1849, Poe was found on a street in Baltimore in a state of stupor, and was taken to Washington College Hospital. In the early morning of October 7th, he died after muttering his final words, "Lord help my poor soul." Those are the

facts. However, the theories that explain his death leave us with more questions than answers. Theories concerning Poe's death include the Alcohol Theory, the Medical Condition Theory, and The Cooping Theory, and numerous others such as tuberculosis, rabies, diabetes, muggers and a betrayed lover.

One theory proposed by John R. Thompson in the 1870's says that Poe's death was in fact an accidental murder by political gangs. By chance or not, it was election day in Baltimore the same day that Poe was found on the streets near a bar that served as a voting station. It is possible, Thompson said, that a gang kidnapped Poe, stupefied him with alcohol, and changed his clothes so he could go back and vote repeatedly. This was practice called "cooping" and would explain why he was drunk and seen in the hospital wearing different clothes. This theory, like all others, cannot be verified.

Poe continues to puzzle people even as he lies in the ground. He was buried in an unmarked grave, which led to confusion as to whether he was on the left or right of his grandfather's grave. This sparked rumors that the wrong body could have been exhumed when moved to his new grave. Only when his mother-in-law, Maria Clemm, intervened was a headstone carved for him, but during delivery,

was destroyed in a train derailment accident.

In 1875, a new gravestone was dedicated, engraved with the words, "Here, at last, he is happy." Yet again, Poe managed another baffling feat, and managed to have his date of death date engraved as January 20th instead of the 19th. His body was moved inside his family plot along with Maria and Virginia, which is where he rests today.

Both Poe's grave and house in Baltimore are on display to visitors. His grave at Westminster is open to the public, but group tours can also be arranged. Also available for a small charge (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12) during Halloween night is a special event from 6-9 p.m. involving a twenty-minute tour of the burial grounds and catacombs, accompanied by theatrical performances and classical guitar performances.

Poe's small house at 203 Amity Street, saved from destruction by the E.A. Poe Society of Baltimore, displays some of his possessions including a telescope, sexton and lap desk he used at the university. It is in this house where several works were penned, such as, "Tales from the Folio Club," "M.S. Found in a Bottle" and many more. Also exhibited is a life-sized portrait of his wife Virginia, and display of several bottles of cognac left by the Poe Toaster.



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Among the questions of Poe's death is whether or not he is buried here.

HALLOWEENFOCUS

What to do on Halloween: Fell's Point or the Elvira-thon?

BY CHRISTINA MORENO
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Think of it this way — you have no other options: You have to get out of the house on Halloween. As much as you could kid yourself, it is not possible nor fun to endure all thirteen hours of the Elvira-thon and, although I'm positive that Bride of Chucky will be sent to video by the

31st, I could name many a healthier experience than having to listen to Jennifer Tilly's garage-door-opening voice for more than three minutes.

You have to escape, and your only recourse will be the generous perimeter of Baltimore, Maryland.

Let's start with the basics: E-Level. The HOP will be sponsoring its annual costume party for All Hallow's Eve, complete with DJ, dancing and

drink specials. If you find that you're in a spooky mood on the 30th, E-Level's bohemian and alcohol-free brother CoffeeGrounds will be hosting a jazz evening; the Sixth Dimension Sax combo will be playing, along with Guitar Dan and Blue Willy and Joey Legs. As a steadfast patron of the Grounds, I can assure you that I'll be taking the Coltrane over the cauldron, that evening!

Furthermore, if you still feel artsy on Halloween night, check out MICA. Although a representative could not be reached for comment on this year's festivities, the MICArt students usually host a phenomenal costume parade in their campus vicinity.

If you're in the Towson area, you have the option of swing-dancing in costume at the Armory; starting at 8, Massachusetts's O-Tones will prove that Dracula was indeed a hepcat at the Friday Night Swing Dance Club 8th Annual Halloween Party (for a \$10 cover, with a \$5 fine if you're not in costume). Otherwise, you might as well enjoy the staple location of Baltimore's festivities for the 31st — Fell's Point.

Ah, Fell, ma belle. To those unfamiliar with this bay lady, I will only say that she is like the ostentatious brothel mistress of a legion of fetching, web-toed whores: There is no argument that, yes, she is keeping you happy with? Most of her bars card (or, at least, pretend to), so underage Hopkins ne'er-do-wells will be high and dry, unless they BYOB. However, if you really must drink, you had better have excellent aim; there is not a single bartender at Fell's who will let you use his restroom. Your only resort will be alleyways and kitty corners, which already are mini-museums of the world's weirdest excrements.

Nevertheless, as much as I knock her, I love the Point. She can alleviate

a Spartan's heartache and turn the head of any pre-med. She can also provide you with blackmail material and make you believe that, yes, your waitress is the most attractive woman that you've ever met in your life. In any case, I highly recommend two of Fell's girls, in particular: The Sea Witch, for her phosphorescent bar and pool tables. If you choose to savor her wiles, she will be easily acces-

open for those eighteen and older. Next, to the Hippo. It has the best dance-floor/light-show in town, complete with smoke pillars, Travolta-esque luminescent tiles, disco balls and amusic-video screen. This year, to close the month-long BOUND fetish dance festival, they are hosting Samhain.

There will be bobbing for apples costume contests, the BOUNE haunted dungeon, plus a private screening of "Between Darkness and Oblivion," by Splitting Head Productions. Additionally, if you like Goth-metal, you can get lots 'o free goodies from the simultaneously-grooving Type-O Negative Promo Party. The cover is \$5 before 11:30 and \$7 after (if you're wearing a costume; otherwise it's \$10).

None of these options seem inviting enough? A bit too eclectic for you, are they? In that case, stick to the classics. Weekend Wonderflex is helping you out by showing "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers" on the nights of the 30th and the 31st. If you really want to stick to tradition, go trick-or-treating (DURING THE DAY) and see if you can bother your RAs by leading pilgrimages to their doors for mini-boxes of Nerds.

What will I be doing, that evening, other than devouring birthday packages? I will be reveling in antiquity, thank you very much, by visiting the ghetto gravesite of Edgar Allan Poe, right here in Baltimore. Pray for me. Your denomination doesn't matter. Just pray for me.

THE BURNING QUESTION

What is your favorite Halloween costume?

"Who needs a costume? I am Zorro!"
—Anuj, freshman

"I dressed up as the headless horse-man once"
—Alan, freshman

"I was Tiger Lily from Peter Pan my freshman year at Hopkins."
—Hannah, junior

"A soccer player."
—Alix, freshman

"My favorite costume was Cookie Monster."
—Daniel, freshman

"Once I dressed up as Frankenstein."
—S. Brenden, freshman

"When I was little, my mom made me a Hershey Kiss costume."
—Leslie, junior

"One year, I was a violent candy stripper. I wore my little pink dress and I smeared it with fake blood."
—Raffaella, sophomore

"An executioner."
—Alex, freshman

"Gandhi."
—Miguel De Figueiredo, senior

"One year, my friend dressed completely in white and then wrapped himself in pink tulle — he was a stick of cotton candy. The next year, the same guy dressed in black and taped yellow stripes down his stomach. Then he glued little plastic cars to the sides of his costume. He had some pretty creative costumes."
—Charlotte, freshman

"I dressed up as a New York Met in '86 when they won the World Series."
—Jon, junior

—Leanne Shipley

Trick-or-treat! Taking candy from strangers

I'm so excited about Halloween. It's my favorite holiday, but I'm not really sure why. As a kid, there were obvious reasons to love Halloween. You got to go out dressed up as the year's hottest cartoon character or, if there weren't any hot new cartoons, Dracula. You could go door-to-door and do what your parents had always forbidden: take candy from strangers. What could be cooler for a kid?

When I was little, the excitement surrounding Halloween always started

together by a psychopath.

So, every year my friends and I would try to avoid the houses that were notorious for giving out lousy candy. I only wanted candy bars. No gum. No candy apples. No pennies. No Sweet Tarts. Candy bars. Preferably Snickers and Three Musketeers.

In order to get the most candy bars possible, I always took a pillow case with me. Every year, I was determined to fill that pillow case all the way up with candy. But every year, after one hour, I got too tired to keep trick-or-treating.

One year, though, I did especially well trick-or-treating. I was walking back to my house after a typical Halloween, my pillow case swinging by my side. My mom had just passed out candy to a few kids as I was walking up the front sidewalk. I was three steps from my house when, all of the sudden, some kid without a costume knocked me over and ran off with my Star Wars pillow case.

I ran to my house, pounding on the front door. My mom opened the door. I was hysterical, trying to explain what had happened through my sobs, tears smearing the eye black I used to look like a real NFL football player. My innocence was shattered. I had always heard of other kids getting their candy stolen, but I never thought it could happen to me.

Within 15 minutes of having my candy stolen, word had spread throughout the neighborhood. My brother and one of his friends went out with my mom to try to find a kid

walking around with two bags of candy. They failed to recover my loot. That was all right, as it turned out. My friends in the neighborhood gathered together a



ton of candy from their own houses and filled up a huge shopping bag.

So, as it turned out, the Halloween I got my candy stolen was the one that I got the most candy on.

And from that one day when I was about nine, Halloween has never been the same. My pure image of the holiday was tarnished by modern American crime. Who is pathetic enough to steal a bunch of candy from a little kid? I still can't comprehend how that happened.

But it doesn't matter. I'm over it. And, about a year later, my family moved to another neighborhood.

Though nobody said it, I still think that having my candy stolen was the major factor in the decision. And when I moved, Halloween was just never the same. I went trick-or-treating a couple times at my new house, and it was great. The candy quality was certainly a step up from my old neighborhood.

I even got to realize my ultimate Halloween fantasy the first time I went trick-or-treating at my new house. As one of my friends and I wandered the neighborhood from house to house, we stumbled upon one with no one home. But the people left their front light on. On their front porch sat a huge bowl filled with full-size Snickers bars. "Please take one," read a sign next to the bowl.

My friend and I looked at each other and laughed. We glanced around and emptied the whole bowl into our pillow cases. For a moment, I felt guilty. What if some little kid, who was out trick-or-treating for the first time and hadn't lost his innocence, came along? It would have made his night. As my friends and I sprinted away from the house, whole Snickers bars bouncing in our pillow cases, I realized how cynical I had become about Halloween.

After that Halloween, though, I gave up trick-or-treating. I had pretty much stopped dressing up. I would go as a baseball player every year because I was still playing little league.

Since then, I've stayed home and passed out the candy. It's easier that way. Hardly anybody in my neighborhood trick-or-treats, so there's always pounds of candy left over. So, I can still get candy without having to actually go out, plus I only get the kinds I like. And I don't have to worry about my candy being stolen.

Putting on a scary face

Carving the perfect Halloween pumpkin

BY LISA CAPUTO
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Halloween is here again, complete with trick-or-treaters, candy, and, of course, pumpkins.

Picking out just the right pumpkin can be time-consuming. A farm hand at a pumpkin stand advised picking your pumpkin very carefully — make sure that it meets your specifications and that it is not rotten.

Pumpkins are pretty easy to find in Baltimore. Grocers, such as Giant and SuperFresh sell them, as well as other places, such as farms. A popular place for Halloween is Webers Cider Mill Farm in Parkville. This farm has a great Halloween extravaganza, with pumpkin picking, hay rides, a hay maze, scarecrow making, a petting farm, and pumpkin people. There are also many goodies to buy, such as fresh pie, ice cream, and plants.

The possibilities for pumpkin carving and decorating are endless. In addition to traditional pumpkin carving, there are new methods in which people are preparing their pumpkins for Halloween. There are paints that are useful for painting faces and symbols on pumpkins to dress them up. Also, there is a new fad in pumpkin carving. Now there are little fabric shapes that one glues onto the pumpkin, and then carves around, like a stencil.

Of course, most people prefer to carve their own shapes and faces on their pumpkins for the personalized approach. After selecting the perfect pumpkin, draw a face onto the pumpkin, but don't cut out the features, yet. First, make an incision on the top of the pumpkin, all the way around the stem.

Next is the messy part. Scoop out all of the seeds and pumpkin guts

inside. Keep the seeds, because later they can be roasted and eaten for a tasty Halloween snack. To roast the seeds, first rinse and dry them off. Next, place them on a cookie sheet, salt them lightly, and bake at 300 degrees for about 15 minutes. Be sure to flip the seeds periodically so that they cook evenly.

Finally, it is time to carve the face. Using a knife, or a pumpkin carving tool, carefully cut along the lines that drawn on the pumpkin. (You can find

pumpkin carving kits that include pumpkin carving tools at Giant for only \$4.99.) Once the lines are cut, it is easy to just poke out the pieces.

Now that the pumpkin is carved, it can be illuminated with a candle, or for more safety, a glow stick. Now that everyone has been refreshed on how to carve a pumpkin, there is hope that on Halloween, the windows of dorms will shine brightly with jack-o-lanterns.

—Leanne Shipley



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Time to break out the carving tools and decorating paint in order to show some Halloween spirit. Let's see those jack-o-lanterns shine!

STATS AND FACTS

What's really in your Halloween candy!

Fun Size Milky Way
Serving Size: Two bars
180 calories
7 grams of fat
3.5 grams of saturated fat
24 grams of sugar
2 grams of protein
60 mg of sodium
5 mg of cholesterol

Fun Size Snickers
Serving Size: Two bars
170 calories
8 grams of fat
3 grams of saturated fat
18 grams of sugar
3 grams of protein
85 mg of sodium
5 mg of cholesterol

Baby Ruth
Serving Size: One bar
270 calories
13 grams of fat
7 grams of saturated fat
27 grams of sugar
4 grams of protein
130 mg of sodium
0 mg of cholesterol

Kit Kat
Serving Size: Four wafers
220 calories
11 grams of fat
7 grams of saturated fat
21 grams of sugar
3 grams of protein
30 mg of sodium
5 mg of cholesterol

Butterfinger
Serving Size: One bar
220 calories
11 grams of fat
1 gram of saturated fat
31 grams of carbohydrates
6 grams of protein
100 mg of sodium
0 mg of cholesterol

Plain M&Ms
Serving Size: 1 package
240 calories
10 grams of fat
1 gram of saturated fat
33 grams of carbohydrates
3 grams of protein
41 mg of sodium
0 mg of cholesterol

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
Serving Size: Two cups
240 calories
14 grams of fat
1 gram of saturated fat
23 grams of carbohydrates
4 grams of protein
145 mg of sodium
32 mg of cholesterol

100 Grand
Serving Size: Two pieces
200 calories
8 grams of fat
5 grams of saturated fat
27 grams of sugar
2 grams of protein
75 mg of sodium
10 mg of cholesterol

Hershey's Kisses
Serving Size: Six kisses
150 calories
9 grams of fat
1 gram of saturated fat
16 grams of carbohydrates
2 grams of protein
25 mg of sodium
0 mg of cholesterol

Candy Corn
Serving Size: One cup
730 calories
4 grams of fat
1 gram of saturated fat
179 grams of carbohydrates
0 grams of protein
425 mg of sodium
0 mg of cholesterol

Jelly Beans
Serving Size: One ounce
100 calories
0 grams of fat
0 grams of saturated fat
26 grams of carbohydrates
0 grams of protein
0 mg of sodium
0 mg of cholesterol

Apples
Serving Size: 1 medium apple
80 calories
1 gram of fat
0 grams of saturated fat
24 grams of carbohydrates
0 grams of protein
0 mg of sodium
0 mg of cholesterol

FEATURES

Hopkins students bring HOPE to Baltimore

BY RACHEL SAMS
 THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The slanted rays of the Saturday morning sun cast the shadow of a concrete overpass across the grass. Young, slender, freshly planted trees produce smaller shadows, and the bodies of students from Johns Hopkins and Loyola College, bent industriously on digging holes in the rocky soil, make dark patterns on the ground as well.

One Hopkins student raises a pickax above his head and in one motion brings it violently down into the soil, breaking up the rocks. "I think you're enjoying that a little too much," his friend jokes.

The students were enjoying themselves, but not just because of the chance to vent their frustration with the last Orgo test. Through the annual student-run community service event Project HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere), held through the Office of Volunteer Services, these students spent part of their weekends working with friends and classmates to transform the city they live in and the lives of others who live in it.

This particular group of about 13 Hopkins students spent Saturday morning planting trees and cleaning up garbage at the Jones Falls Watershed just a couple of miles from campus. They worked under the supervision of retired Hopkins biophysics professor Dr. Michael Beer, who since his retirement has headed the Jones Falls Watershed Association.

Beer said the student volunteers working Friday and Saturday had planted about 30 trees. The Watershed Association has also enlisted 100 volunteers to commit one morning a year to cleaning up a two-mile stretch of the Jones Falls bank. The cleanup crews working Friday and Saturday were part of that effort.

"We're going to try to establish a woodland in this area," Beer said.

"We're going to plant trees in order to ensure that the river will not only be healthier, but also delightful."

FEEDING 200 FOR \$50

Back in the AMR I Multipurpose Room, Project HOPE head Kapil Saharia and coordinator Bita Amani sit armed with a cellular phone amid the remains of leftover bagels and bread that fed hungry volunteers earlier Saturday morning. Greg's Bagels and Old World Bakery were some of the businesses that donated 120 bagels, two dozen croissants and 12 loaves of bread to the ravenous group. The cellular phone keeps the or-

"You can feed 200 people for \$50 — we made 200 sandwiches and bought sandwich bags and napkins as well."

—BITA AMANI

ganizers in touch with the morning's various projects going on around Baltimore. Some students are painting a local chapel, others are painting two cottages. A few more volunteers are working on arts and crafts and playing games with clients of the Good Shepherd Center, which helps teenage girls with emotional problems.

Friday afternoon's projects included organizing stock rooms at the Christopher Place shelter, a housing facility for homeless men; another painting project; volunteering at Kennedy Krieger Institute; and making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Our Daily Bread, a soup kitchen.

"Here's a really cool statistic," says Amani. "You can feed 200 people for \$50 — we made 200 sandwiches and bought sandwich bags and napkins as well."

Project HOPE was started by a Hopkins student three years ago. This year Saharia and Amani decided to expand the event to two days, and have been preparing for it since September. Saharia estimated that altogether about 150 students participated in this year's Project HOPE.

STUDENT-RUN PROJECTS

While Project HOPE is an event of the Office of Volunteer Services, the project itself is completely run by students. OVS student outreach coordinator Emelia Argyropoulos believes the opportunity to let students develop their own volunteer projects is one of the best things about the office.

"Every year there are a lot of new programs," Argyropoulos said. "If a student has something worthwhile that hasn't already been done, they can do it."

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Office of Volunteer Services. OVS director Bill Tiefenwerth estimates that over 800 Hopkins students currently work with at least one of the office's programs.

"That number doesn't include things like our freshman Day of Service or our fundraisers," Argyropoulos emphasized.

This year, Argyropoulos says, OVS runs about 50 ongoing programs, many of which are organized and run by students. Several students in different OVS programs talked about their experiences for this article. Some of the students organized their own programs, others joined existing ones; some work intensely with one program, others with two or three. All agreed that for them, volunteer work is an integral and rewarding part of life at Hopkins.

IRENE THAM

At 4:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, the Office of Volunteer Services swarms with kids and Hopkins students trying in vain to keep up with them. "How was your day?" one student asks a smiling boy. The boy begins telling a story about his teacher's helper, but can't remember what he's supposed to call her. "Ass-sistant?" the student suggests. The boy nods his head vigorously, repeating the word aloud.

This is the Tutorial Project, one of OVS's most popular programs, in which first through sixth graders from all over the city of Baltimore come to Hopkins two afternoons a week to work one-on-one with student tutors. The program includes 100 kids and 100 student tutors.

Senior Irene Tham came to OVS as a freshman in need of a work-study job. Not only did she get a job in the office, she also began volunteering with the Tutorial Project and has continued for four years. She is now one of the Tutorial Project's student organizers. This year she also started a volunteer project of her own, a ballet program at nearby Margaret Brent Elementary School.

"The Tutorial Project is one on one, so you get to stick with the same kid," she said. "Once you meet your kid, you fall in love with them. Throughout the course of the program, you give them tests and see them progress — it's really rewarding."

Tham got the idea to start a ballet program from Hopkins student Margaret Betts's success at starting an art education program at Margaret Brent Elementary.

"I'd had the idea to work with that school," Tham said, "but the ballet idea came out of the blue. I'd worked with the kids so long here, and I wanted to do something different and



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About 150 Hopkins students took part in Project HOPE last weekend. These students spent their Saturday morning planting trees at the Jones Falls Watershed.

incorporate my ballet background." Tham has 16 years of ballet training and currently takes ballet at Peabody Conservatory.

Tham started the ballet program this summer with a Community Service Grant from Hopkins alumni. OVS will take over funding of the program next semester. The program now includes five instructors who spend two afternoons a week teaching the fundamentals of ballet to 40 kids in first through fifth grades.

"Right now we're just getting started," Tham said. "We've got the music already, and eventually all the kids will have ballet shoes. Hopefully at the end of the semester we can put on a little recital."

ARTHUR LUK

Arthur Luk, a junior, has been volunteering with the campus chapter of Alpha Phi Omega for two years and now serves as president of the organization. APO is a national coed service fraternity founded on the principles of leadership, friendship and service.

Luk enjoys working with APO because he says the organization "gives you the opportunity to pick your own project and execute it. Also, it's more social than other clubs."

The Hopkins branch of the club has about 25 members. On average, the club participates in about five service projects a month. Some recent projects include Project HOPE, a lollipop tree for the Make-a-Wish foundation at Spring Fair and peanut butter and jelly sandwich making for the homeless.

In upcoming months, members will entertain kids at the Ronald McDonald House on Halloween, participate in BOXFAM, work at the Maryland Food Bank, run a Christmas toy drive and present a week of domestic violence education.

"It's very rewarding," says Luk. "When someone thanks you at the end of the day, there's no feeling like it."

Luk is excited right now because next month the Hopkins chapter of APO will receive its charter from the national chapter." APO has actually been here on campus since 1952," he said. "It was discontinued in the 1970s. Then a couple of people started petitioning and the group was reformed a few years ago."

WALTER LIN

Junior Walter Lin is a coordinator for OVS's Best Buddies program,
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Bank robbers, phone sex numbers and pruneburgers

With all the attention that's being focused on Jerry Springer this week, I can't resist talking about bizarre things. There are so many screwed-up people in America. I read through news stories all weekend trying to find some people who might be outrageous enough to be considered for a Springer show.

Well, if we're talking about outrageous people, the first group that comes to my mind is the Christian Coalition. Even though Ralph Reed is gone, they haven't lightened up any at all.

Now, we're all familiar with the Year 2000 Problem, right? The Christian Coalition is extremely concerned about this Problem. One of its directors believes that, after the Problem cripples the nation, Bill Clinton will take over as America's first dictator.

But he has a plan to prepare for Clinton — Americans' greatest enemy since Godless communists and Barney the Purple Dinosaur — and his dictatorship.

This director is telling all "Christians" to stockpile food, water, clothing, 22-caliber ammunition and gold and silver coins.

Of course, at least that Christian Coalition director can get his message out. That's more than the University of Michigan at Flint has been able to do.

They mailed out over 20,000 information brochures to Michigan high school students this fall. In the brochures, they included an 800 number for prospective students to call for admissions information.

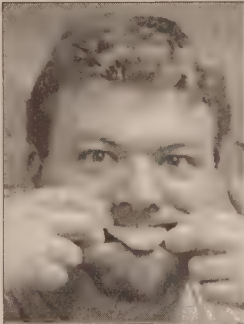
That's a good idea, but the phone number printed in the brochures was wrong. Instead of connecting people to the school, the number in the letter got people a "hot talk" telephone line that featured X-rated gay action.

How embarrassing for the college administration. They have spent the past month apologizing repeatedly for the mix-up.

Hot sex talk isn't a bad idea, though, if you want to make money for college. It's expensive, and I hear phone sex operators make good money.

But I think there are easier ways to get money for tuition together.

There is always the traditional



TOMGUTTING

FROM THE GUTT

method of robbing a bank, but just don't be as stupid about it as Timothy Crockett.

He was so upset with First Federal Bank in South Carolina for charging him \$600 in overdraft fees that he decided to rob the bank to get even.

But he didn't rob them. He robbed the Palmetto Bank instead. Why? "First Federal wasn't open on Satur-

Keeping a bunch of squirrels in your freezer is pretty insane. I don't know why somebody who wasn't from Kentucky ... would want to eat them.

days," Crockett explained to the judge presiding over his case.

Here's another creative way to pay your Hopkins tuition. According to a recent story from the *Christian Science Monitor*, the Secret Service claims that about 43 percent of all counterfeit money in the United States is made using color ink jet printers.

Think about it. You could pay your tuition in cash without ever having to go to the bank. Just print it out along with your next history paper.

If you could counterfeit tuition

money in your own room, you might as well just print out a few extra sheets and pay room and board as well. But you better be sure that Hopkins isn't going to try out the cuisine ideas that the Denver public school system is.

Starting next semester, the lunch cooks in the Denver schools are going to start adding prune puree to hamburgers. Sounds yummy, doesn't it?

School officials think so. They said that the reason for the switch to pruneburgers is they just "taste better." That's what they said about New Coke, too.

Pruneburgers are probably better than what one Banning, California, woman was saving to eat, though. The Laotian woman has some explaining to do to the police after they found 40 squirrels in her freezer.

Keeping a bunch of squirrels in your freezer is pretty insane. I don't know why somebody who wasn't from Kentucky, where squirrel brains are a delicacy, would want to eat them.

Maybe this woman went crazy because she's related to Raymond Gomez, who lives in Apopka, Florida.

He is facing first-degree murder charges after murdering his mother, Isabel Gomez. That certainly sounds like a Springer-esque topic. What could possibly drive a son to kill his loving mother in cold blood?

Isabel was watching soap operas and wouldn't let Raymond change the channel. During the ensuing argument, Raymond murdered his mother.

I agree that, after the electric back scratcher, the remote control is the most important invention in human history. But even I think that Gomez went too far.

Too bad for him that he didn't have the same lawyer as Anthony Porter, a murderer condemned to die by an Illinois jury.

Porter has been given a stay of execution by the Illinois Supreme Court after his lawyer brilliantly argued that he was simply too stupid to understand what was happening to him.

I don't know if any of these people are qualified to be the focus on a Springer show, but it is certainly nice to know that people like this exist. It makes me realize that we Hopkins students really aren't as weird as I sometimes think.

Ted Kaczinsky, eat your heart out

Rachel and Mr. Potato Head have a run-in with the law

I make fun of other people. I admit it. It's not nice, I know, but sometimes I just can't resist. My freshman year my friend and I saw this kid in my class picking his nose. He had a kind of reptilian look to him, so we christened him "Lizard" and for almost three years now, we've struggled to stifle giggles every time we see him on campus. Are we really that much cooler than Lizard? Probably not. But he's just so darned funny.

Then there's freshmen in general. They do so many funny things, from asking goofy questions in class to flocking to Terrace like clockwork three times a day to asking innocently, "Towson? Where's that?" Sometimes it seems like freshmen were put on this earth solely for amusement. So I laugh.

I guess I thought things could go on this way forever. I guess I figured since I'd put in my time as a freshman, since I'd lived through my own embarrassment, I'd earned the right to enjoy the scrapes those young folks always seem to get themselves into.

But this summer it was brought to my attention that freshmen do not have a monopoly on embarrassing oneself, and that eventually every laugh you have at someone else's expense comes back to you tenfold.

My comeuppance began about 7 p.m. on a Friday night, when some of my high school friends came over to my house. We were sitting around laughing, talking and feeling perfectly comfortable with ourselves when the phone rang.

"Is this Miss Rachel Sams?" said the gruff, official-sounding voice on the other end.

"Yes sir, it is."

"Miss Sams, I'm with the Grenada Police Department, and we've got a box down here with your name on it that's vibratin' and buzzin' all over

the place. Is there some kind of explosive in here?"

My jaw dropped. I covered the receiver with my hand and ran quickly through all the expletives that came to mind. Then I picked up the phone and said, as calmly as

RACHEL SAMS

DA BOMB

possible, "Officer, it's just a Mr. Potato Head."

Earlier in the week I'd gone to a discount store in town and found a \$4 Mr. Potato Head massager. I bought it to send to my friend as a joke, but since the store it came from was pretty crappy I put batteries in it before I sent it to make sure it worked.

Unfortunately, the phone call reminded me that I had forgotten to take the batteries out, and

"We deactivated your Mr. Potato Head."

—POLICE OFFICER

something had set Mr. Potato Head off by the time he got to the district post office about 30 minutes away.

The policeman accepted my apology and told me he would try to remedy the problem. I hung up the phone and sheepishly filled in my parents and my friends (who had gotten interested when they heard the word "Officer") on the situation. Just as I was finishing the story, the doorbell rang.

"Oh, God," I said, and tried to slip out of the room. I heard a deep, masculine voice saying, "Is this the residence of Rachel Sams?"

"It's for you," said my mom. Snickering, she and my dad slipped behind

the kitchen door to listen. A tall, young, smoky-smelling policeman handed me a slip of paper with the number of the Grenada Police Department and told me to call the chief of police. I turned the paper over. It was the wrapper from a pack of Doral Lights 100s.

I called the chief of police. "We deactivated your Mr. Potato Head," he said.

"Thank you, Officer. It's good to know the public is safe in your hands." "Hey," he protested, sounding angry. "Hey, we have to take all threats seriously."

Not wanting a police record for this event, I hastily apologized for my inconsiderate joke.

"Yeah," said the police chief. "Listen, take the batteries out next time."

"Yes sir," I said.

That was it. I interned at my hometown paper this summer and thus was terrified that on Monday morning I might have to put my own name in the police record, but no report was filed for my crime of absentmindedness. No lasting harm resulted from the mishap, except that all the neighbors saw the police car at our house and my parents started calling me "Una," as in "Bomber."

But I've learned my lesson, and you should too. Sure, it's tempting to laugh when you see a freshman blowing something up in lab (again) or insisting that the cashier at Royal Farms take her \$20. Think about it first, though. Any day now, you might do something that stupid, or even stupider...and you can't use the excuse of being a freshman.

You can't fight karma, so don't eventry. Laugh with people and they'll laugh with you. Laugh at people, and you'll get on the wrong bus and the law will show up at your door. Trust me. I've been there.

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Springer has it out with Hopkins students

BY TOM GUTTING
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Jerry Springer has come and gone, but Hopkins students and the campus are still buzzing about his speech at the Milton S. Eisenhower Symposium last Friday night.

From his opening line of, "I have the stupidest show on television," until he finished signing autographs after his talk, Springer put Hopkins into Jerry heat.

One of the most frequent comments heard after the show was how impressed many students were with Springer's ability to deflect criticism.

Of course, an obvious line of criticism is the content of his show. Springer puts up with question after question about whether his show is appropriate.

"Why should everything on television be sanitized?" he asked. "I think American television is probably best when it reflects the entire society." Springer emphasizes that his show is a forum for people not usually depicted on TV.

He believes that only a "sanitized" version of white upper-middle-class life is shown on television.

Some of the most rigorous defending Springer had to do Friday night came in response to audience questions.

One student asked whether Springer's show trivializes people's problems.

"We often give our guests counseling," Springer responded. "We refer them to professional counseling, but it's also good for them to have five or ten minutes on the show when everyone is staring and listening to them."

Another student challenged the value of the Springer show. "How does your show reflect the values of American society?" the student asked.

"My job is to provide a one-hour show which is en-

tertaining," Springer said, stressing one of his major points of the evening. "The side effect of that is probably pretty positive. It opens us up to different people in society."

Springer is adamant about defending his show, but one student wanted to know if he would still be that way if he weren't getting paid to do it.

He wouldn't watch his own show if he wasn't doing it, Springer explained, but he would always fight for the right of the show to be on the air. "I was a liberal long before I had my job," he added.

Another student followed up on that question, asking how Springer feels about pitching a show that he wouldn't watch himself.

"The show isn't on for my taste," Springer said. "If it were up to me, I'd do a show on sports and politics. But this is my job."

Springer insists that people have to realize his show is purely entertainment. But what about people who can't make the distinction between what is entertainment and what is real?

Those kinds of people, Springer said, are the same ones who zone out when the local news is reporting murders, fires and accidents.

"Our show is about outrageousness," he said. Local news, he said, is not. But, in Springer's opinion, it is increasingly attempting to be outrageous and only report on the negative aspects of American society.

But Springer was a news anchor for ten years in the Cincinnati area, as one student commented, and he was part of the sensationalizing trend in local news. What does Springer think that news should do to improve itself?

"Working as a news anchor is the



PATRICK DEEM/NEWS-LETTER
Springer: The man, the myth, the legend. He offends some and is a hero to others. Here he is, gesturing wildly to reporters at the backstage press conference for his speech held in Shriver Hall on Friday night.

one period in my life I regret," Springer first. "I would like to see news reporting what is important

"I just want to make sure no one shuts them [the guests] up. I was hired to do a crazy talk show, but don't shut them up. That's the only issue I stand up for."

—JERRY SPRINGER

to people's lives. You can't tell the difference between news and tabloids today."

Of course, all this debate about Jerry Springer and his talk show leads

to one question, posed by a student near the end of the symposium. "Who are you in our society?" she asked, referring to this year's symposium theme.

"This isn't my field," Springer said about his talk show. "I give a little two-minute commentary, and that's just my observation of watching the past hour. I just want to make sure no one shuts them [the guests] up. I was hired to do a crazy talk show, but don't shut them up. That's the only issue I stand up for."

So, as Jerry Springer left the Shriver stage Friday night, he had stood up to the best interrogation Hopkins had to offer.

And the Hopkins student body filed out the doors with a better understanding of the man who stands behind the mike and mediates episodes like "My transsexual cousin wants to marry me."

Handicapped facilities

BY DORICE YOO
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The HAClab in which some spend their nights haggling over final touches, the five dollar experimental tests in which we miserly college students repeatedly participate, the ramps that are placed in supposedly "convenient" locations for handicapped students — all are components of Krieger.

You may be asking yourself, "A ramp?" For students with no disabilities, ramps or handicapped facilities rarely capture their eyes.

We walk past them daily, but somehow they all seem to blend in with their surroundings. Many of us complain about how far the walk from Bloomberg to Shaffer is. We grumble about how it takes us a grueling ten-minute walk. Or how about from the freshman quad to Gilman? "It's almost a hike," one student mentioned.

Viola Maniccozzi, a freshman with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), talks about the inconvenience of the structure of Hopkins. It takes her at least twenty minutes to go from the freshman quad to Gilman. Why? It is because of the way the buildings are laid out. Most of us can cut across

For students with no disabilities, ramps or handicapped facilities rarely capture their eyes.

campus to find our shortest route, but for Maniccozzi, this isn't possible. Being in a wheelchair prevents her from cutting through any of the quads.

It is true that Hopkins is a beautiful campus, and she quickly agrees to this, but it seems as if it was structured without giving very little thought of convenience for disabled students. Of course there are the little mini-elevator-like objects at the bookstore and the library, and what about the few automated doors Hopkins boasts?

Maniccozzi mentions the instability of these mini-elevators, and as far as the automated doors, there is an enormous lack of them. Maniccozzi is the first undergradu-

ate student at Hopkins to have had SMA.

"Everyone is trying their best to help me, and I appreciate it more than anything, but there are only a handful of people that actually are well-informed of what to do and what not to do," she says. Not only is there a lack of facilities, but there is, apparently, a lack of well-prepared staff.

Has Hopkins been accommodating the needs of disabled students? To the casual eye, it may seem like they haven't been responsive to the students' needs.

But Yvonne Theodore, Disabilities Facilities Coordinator and also the Special Assistant to the Provost here at Hopkins, emphatically states that Hopkins' policy is to accept and accommodate. Theodore says, "Even before [handicapped students] enter Hopkins, many hours of planning are put into finding the most suitable program for assisting them, whether it may be providing transcribers, special helpers, or putting in a new door."

Her eyes shine and her hands continuously move as she talks about the work that's been done at Hopkins, and the pride of accomplishment is evident.

According to Theodore, Hopkins assists students with communicating about their individual needs since the next step after college is employment. She agrees that technology couldn't have come at a better time.

Dean of Students Susan Boswell agrees with Theodore in saying that Hopkins has improved tremendously over the past few years in accommodating the needs of disabled students. "Each individual has a specific plan designed by us," she says.

According to both these staff members, arrangements for handicapped students seem to be progressing well. Then why are the students to whom these programs cater not completely satisfied?

Is it that the expectations and demands of students are too high and that they are asking the impossible? Or is it that Hopkins does not see the need for improving the facilities and programs that have already been set?

Although to most of us these facilities may not apply at all, their importance should no longer be ignored by the general student body.

Teaching and learning from the forgotten people of Baltimore

BY DANIEL GRUSHKIN
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

When you enter Baltimore Detention Center, the first thing you notice is the strong scent of disinfectant. There are security guards everywhere, and they check you with metal detectors before you enter the jail complex. You are then led by a guard to a chamber where you show your security pass to a guard who watches from behind safety glass.

He presses a button and slowly a sliding door opens. You then pass by the holding cells — people wait bored behind the wire glass. One of the windows has been punched and there's a spider web of cracked glass. Baltimore Detention Center is a place to keep people who couldn't pay bail and are waiting for their court appointment; There are too many people to a cell, so there's no privacy and sometimes tensions run high.

The group of you continues into a room where the windows are high and the air is stale. You sit down and meet inmates who are at least ten years older than you wearing yellow scrubs. They smile when they see you.

They know that today won't be as boring as the last. People here have very little access to educational material, so in many cases, you are the only source to help them further themselves, and they thank you for coming.

It then hits you, as it hit senior Sarah Becker when she first started coming three years ago — that there's no reason to be afraid. Many of the inmates want to get their high school equivalency. They want to move on with their lives, maybe go to college and get a good job, but unfortunately,

under these conditions, they just don't have the opportunity.

Becker says, "They are the same as normal people, they just need encouragement." But in prison, mental stagnancy accompanies physical stagnancy. Many just don't think they can do it, but Becker says, "They just need assurance. We just assume we can do whatever we want, they need to be told."

Under such a rigid living environment where people can only do what they are told to do, people lose their sense of independence. Therefore, tutors must constantly encourage them to take steps in their education that we take for granted.

The jail tutorial is specifically an-

You sit down and meet inmates who are at least ten years older than you wearing yellow scrubs. They smile when they see you.

chored toward improving math and reading skills, although the education levels of the tutees vary from a second grade level to a college degree. When Becker first started, she met a man with a degree in electrical engineering. He was in a bar fight and didn't have the money to make bail. He told Becker how bored he was, and that "he felt like he was wasting his time."

Becker, a biology major, began teaching him the elements of biology. "He was so happy just to learn something new," she says. Becker is full of experiences of how satisfied the inmates become when the material suddenly clicks. "They get extremely excited, but a lot of it is very frustrating for them."

Tutors teach in classes of three so as to give each inmate as much attention as possible, she says, and "they really respond with such enthusiasm."

One woman got up from her seat and ran around the room saying she can answer any algebra question ever. Senior Casey Langer adds, "They are better at arithmetic than we are. They can add any number in their heads."

Langer says, "They just haven't been taught things in a creative way. When you present it in terms they can understand it just clicks."

Becker complains that the inmates can only take a few papers back with them to their cells. They don't have any books, and the pens they buy at the center are such poor quality that they only last a week. They can buy pencils, but there are no pencil sharpeners.

Recently, Dolores Velasquez, head of the program, has begun to fight for prisoners to bring back books to the cell. Becker says, "Inmates just can't do work without books." Velasquez is also fighting to widen the curriculum. Prisoners don't get a chance to learn other subjects like science or history.

Prisoners express their own dissatisfaction with the system. Langer says, "They don't have faith in a legal system that's not going to take care of them."

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founder and director of the AIDS Buddies program and co-director of the Germbusters program. He started the AIDS Buddies program second semester of his freshman year, when he felt like something was missing from his life at Hopkins.

"My first semester here was very intense," he said. "All I did was study. I could have cared less about other people. Then, I think I had an epiphany. I was not enjoying life at all. I decided to do a volunteer experience, but I wasn't sure where."

Since Lin couldn't decide which program he wanted to join, he started his own. He organized a group to visit an AIDS hospice on York Road to check in on residents and spend time with them. The hospice has 10 residents, and Lin's program now has about 10 tutors.

Members of Lin's group help out around the hospice as well, putting away groceries or taking phone calls. The group also landscaped the hospice's backyard, building a fish pond, benches, a gravel path and a trellis. "It took about four months," Lin recalls.

Of the intense nature of the program, Lin says, "In many ways, it's probably only good for people who are open to it. It's not for everyone. It can be a very uncomfortable experience, not knowing what to do. But you can spiritually really stretch and grow. The hospice is a great community, very warm and very kind, and you get to know the residents really well."

The Germbusters program provides Lin with a different kind of fulfillment. The program was started by a Hopkins student who graduated last year. Germbusters participants write plays which illustrate scientific concepts and perform them for schoolchildren around the city. They also develop worksheets to further explain the concepts addressed in the performances.

"The program has really grown," said Lin, who now runs the program with co-director Donna Bilu. "The first time we did it on the immune system at Barclay Elementary to an audience of 100. The next year we did it on DNA in Shriver for 500 to 600 people. We had ten busloads of kids

bused in. The kids were going crazy — they really got into it."

Germbusters is doing a play about DNA again this year. They will be performing in Shriver on Nov. 13 and at the Maryland Science Center on

"They really feel like the kids have learned to interact in a different way, vent their active energy in a sport instead of on each other."

—SHONA VELAMAKANNI

Nov. 14. Group leaders hope to develop a video of the program this year and distribute it to area elementary schools.

SHONA VELAMAKANNI

Shona Velamakanni is the founder and director of Blue Jay Biddy Basketball, a program which teaches the fundamentals of basketball to students at Margaret Brent Elementary.

"The kids at Margaret Brent really love us," she said. "They're all very warm, great kids."

Blue Jay Biddy Basketball currently has about 13 coaches. At Margaret Brent the coaches work with 40 girls in the fall and 40 boys in the spring, dividing them into teams and teaching them to dribble, pass and shoot. This year the program expanded to another elementary school in Greenmount as well.

"We've gotten a great response from the community, the parents and the kids," Velamakanni said. "They really feel like the kids have learned to interact in a different way, vent their active energy in a sport instead of on each other."

Velamakanni is currently looking for more coaches for the spring se-

mester. She also hopes to attract local athletes to come and speak to the kids in the program.

MICHELLE DOWNIE

Junior Michelle Downie is the campus coordinator for the Greenmount Safe and Smart Center's English as a Second Language program for adults. This is her second year tutoring adults at the Safe and Smart Center, and she enjoys it because she gets exposed to other languages and cultures.

"Most tutors develop friendships with their learners," she said. "It's great to have a friend who can share so much about a culture totally different from that of the United States."

OVS started the program several years ago due to the large numbers of foreign-owned businesses and immigrant workers on Greenmount Avenue. "Their success depends greatly on their ability to communicate with their Baltimore customers," Downie explained.

The Safe and Smart Center has a full-time coordinator for the ESL program, and about 12 Hopkins students spend two hours a week tutoring for the program. "The tutors rarely see each other," said Downie. "We let the tutor and the learner choose their own time to meet. It's flexible for people who have crazy schedules."

The language barrier between tutors and learners often presents a challenge. Tutors try to communicate with learners by using pictures to introduce new vocabulary words or going to the grocery store with their learners to help them learn the names of the things they're buying.

"The language barrier at first is pretty challenging, but that's what we're there to try to get around," Downie said.

OVS is offering a training session on Saturday, Nov. 21 for any students interested in doing ESL tutoring for adults during the spring semester. Any native English speaker is eligible to tutor. For more information, contact Essence Pierce at the Safe and Smart Center, 516-1011.

FEATURES

Szechuan served with a smile

TONY CHENG'S SZECHUAN

801 N. Charles St.
Phone: (410)539-6666
Type: Chinese
Price: \$8.95 - \$31.50

BY JESSICA LIBERTINI
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Everyone has had that awful experience of going to a restaurant and having the meanest waiter or waitress in history! Perhaps you even gave her a pet name such as Suzie Sunshine, or started calling him Guy Smiley, and, on occasion, even less publishable terms were used to describe your server.

Regardless of your attempts to poke fun at the situation, the enjoyment of your dining experience was severely hindered by the attitude problem imposed upon you in the form of your friendly server.

Therefore the general rule is: If you had a bad server, you tend to have a bad memory of the experience. My experience at Tony Cheng's Szechuan Restaurant proves that the reverse is true. Even though the food was excellent and the setting was peaceful and charming, the best memory was thanks to our server, Peng.

Upon entering Tony Cheng's, located in a large row house just two blocks north of the Peabody Conservatory, you will be seated in any of a

number of rooms downstairs. My friend and I were fortunate enough to get a window seat in the front dining room. The chandeliers, intensified with a cleverly regal use of mirrors, provide the perfect amount of light for all occasions.

The long grand curtains perfectly match and accent the floors, tablecloths and upholstery. While all the rooms use the same color and lighting scheme, each has its own charm. For example, two of the rooms have fish tanks filled with goldfish. No matter which room you are seated in, the atmosphere is designed to suit any purpose, from a business meeting to a formal dinner before an evening at a Peabody concert.

Just because the menu is diverse doesn't mean there is a large standard deviation in quality from dish to dish. Everything that we tasted was just as excellent as the next. The Shredded Pork Peking Style (\$12.95) was a less expensive pork version of the famed Peking Duck (\$31.50). Both of these dishes are served with Hoisin (hot and sweet plum) sauce and Mandarin pancakes.

Being somewhat ignorant of Chinese eating customs, I jokingly asked

Peng if I was supposed to fix it like a burrito.

After a few seconds of giggling, he grabbed a couple of spoons and skillfully spread a dab of Hoisin onto a pancake, threw on a few spring onions to my liking, piled in the pork, folded the thing over a few times and ta-da! My friend and I each tried to make one following Peng's example. Despite their shabby appearance in comparison, they still tasted excellent.

Another tasty delight on the menu is General Chou's chicken (\$11.95), a sweet and hot mixture of fried chicken pieces, scallions, garlic and peppers. Although this dish did not pose a dexterity test, it did pose a speed test of a sort. It was so good that we raced to the finish to see who would get the last piece.

In addition to the rice provided

with each dish, we ordered a noodle dish to fulfill the grain quota suggested by the food pyramid. The Pan Fried Crisp Noodles with Beef (\$11.95) hit the spot.

As my friend and I began slowing down, we made the mistake of putting our silverware into the "I'm done" position instead of the "I am resting" position; Emily Post would not be pleased! This little mistake gave another excuse for an uproarious laugh shared with ourselves and Peng, after which he told us about being sent to manners classes to learn about dining room etiquette.

We finished, and upon placing our silverware in the "I'm done" position for real, we said good night to Peng, and went on our way. The moral of this story is: Learn your manners, eat at Tony Cheng's and ask to be seated at Peng's table.



JESSICA LIBERTINI/NEWS-LETTER
Tony Cheng's Szechuan Restaurant serves up Chinese food with a smile.

Kickin' it with the girls

Women's kickboxing is in the house

BY BROOKE LAYNE HARDISON
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

It's popping up everywhere — malls, gyms, even *Ally McBeal*. People everywhere seem to be trying women's kickboxing, and now there is even a group at Hopkins.

So what is kickboxing? According to president Vickie Tillson, kickboxing is a lot like regular boxing, except you get to do more. You can incorporate kicks, and you get to do certain punches that aren't allowed in boxing. It's a highly aerobic activity and uses a lot of footwork.

And why a women's kickboxing club? Apparently men are welcome to join, but many of the members like that it is mostly women. They like doing it "without the competition of males. There is a camaraderie ... everyone is really comfortable showing their stuff," says sophomore Caren Kong.

The group is organized by students, but has hired instructors from Instinct Boxing and Kickboxing. According to sophomore Corlina McNeil, the instructors are "very patient and gentle." The instructors emphasized that no one should feel like they can't kickbox. "It's never too late to start," said Tim Thibodeaux.

"Anyone can do it," added head instructor Frank Servis. "If you have two hands that work, two legs and a heartbeat, you can do it." Thibodeaux added that will power is very important as well. One member, when asked why she liked kickboxing, replied, "Accessible, flexible times, and cute instructors. So far it has been very pleasurable."

One of the key aspects of this group is that they are all beginners. "We are all inexperienced. No one has kickboxed before. Everybody's nervous, nobody's sure," says McNeil. Because they know no one is sure, they can relax and really have fun with it. "I feel you can kick harder," shared sophomore Lee F., "if you

"I feel you can kick harder if you imagine that the guy holding the pad is your ex-boyfriend. You know, the one that cheated on you."

—SOPHOMORE LEE F.

imagine that the guy holding the pad is your ex-boyfriend. You know, the one that cheated on you." And sophomore Jessica Baxter joked, "I get my aggression out there. Now I am a happy person."

There are about 33 girls in the group and they meet in the dance room of the Athletic Center every Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. They also have conditioning practice on Wednesday or Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Participants only have to attend one session per week.) For more information you can contact the president, Vickie Tillson, or just stop by on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the AC.

A morning of Fundraking

Operation Smile members raise over \$200 raking leaves

BY YOUNG CHANG
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Twenty-two people raked leaves last Saturday to make children smile. Twenty-two people from four different schools raked countless lawns for three to four hours, raising approximately \$200, all to make children smile.

Children, that is, from around the world with facial deformities so severe that they either cannot or will not smile.

"It was pretty nice," says senior Amanda Davis, secretary of Operation Smile, of the experience. "And it wasn't particularly hard to rake leaves."

Organized by Operation Smile, Fundraking gathered students from Hopkins, the University of Maryland at Baltimore County, Bryn Mawr High School and McDonough High School for a morning of raking leaves as well as funds for the end means of reconstructive surgery. The volunteers dispersed themselves throughout Roland Park, Lutherville, Ellicott City and Timonium, charging \$20 per lawn.

"It's pretty cheap compared to lawn services," says Davis. "And they [lawn owners] were very happy ... Most of them I think were very familiar to Operation Smile, and for the ones that weren't, it was explained to

them." A private, non-profit international organization, Operation Smile provides reconstructive surgery and

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—AMANDA DAVIS

other related health-care to children and young adults all over the world. With the medical mission of treating children with facial deformities, teams of doctors, surgeons, anesthesiologists, dentists, nurses, college and high school students travel everywhere from China to Honduras to, literally, bring smiles to downcast faces.

The organization has treated 21,000 children in the United States alone, performed 20,000 surgeries overseas, incorporates more than 10,000 physicians, whether trained at

home or abroad, and has raised approximately \$28 million in medical services annually.

Some of the visited sites include the Philippines, Vietnam, Nicaragua, China, Russia, Morocco, Thailand, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Venezuela, Liberia, Honduras and the Middle East.

The financial cost for one of these missions is steep. The estimated cost for one cleft lip and palette surgery is \$750, according to Davis, but with an abundant source of big-name sponsors and fund-raising activities like Fundraking, the surgeries are made possible every year.

And in the dead of fall, the Baltimore City chapter of Operation Smile seems to have discovered the seasonal, enjoyable alternative to sitting behind a desk collecting money.

"It wasn't very hot or very cold," says Davis of Saturday morning. "There were plenty of leaves on the ground to rake, but not piles and piles ... the lawns were nice, and we had pizza afterwards."

Health and Wellness Center has answers

The Health Center is prepared to counsel any and all victims of sexual assault

BY KELLY VIRGINIA PHELAN
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At one point during nearly every student's time here at Johns Hopkins, he or she will take a trip to the Health and Wellness Center for one reason or another. Very few students will go there as a result of sexual assault. But though few realize it, assault is something that happens everywhere, including here at Homewood.

The Health and Wellness Center has a program to help students deal with these incidents. Along with the Counseling Center and the Dean of Students, the Health and Wellness Center is trying to educate the Hopkins community and help victims of sexual assault recover.

Unfortunately, sexual assault is something that can happen anywhere to anyone. Even more unfortunately, assault is happening more than it is being reported. Assault can be committed by anyone — a stranger, an acquaintance or, most commonly, a date.

According to Stephen M. Thompson, Sexual Assault Services coordinator at Central Michigan University, "Date and acquaintance rape generally occurs prior to the third date; one in four females will be assaulted; one in two will be confronted;

approximately 85 percent of assaults involve someone familiar; and only one in a hundred cases of assault will be reported."

The Health and Wellness Center is working to provide several services to those students who experi-

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ence sexual assault. If necessary, the Center can provide forensic exams and the morning after pill, which prevents pregnancy. Staff members at the Center can also help students find counseling and contact authorities if they wish to press charges.

Susan Moreth, head of the sexual

assault division at the Health and Wellness Center, encourages victims to come to the Center as soon as possible so that they can be better helped.

Students are encouraged to come in within 72 hours of the incident so that they can be given the morning after pill and can be tested for sexually transmitted diseases. Often, she said, students come into the center six months after an incident, when little can be done to help them.

When students come into the Center, they are in control of their own treatment. The Center recommends that a forensic exam be performed in order to establish a medical record and give proof that non-consensual intercourse occurred, which will be necessary if the student decides to press charges against her assailant.

However, students are not required to have the exam.

Center personnel also interview

the student confidentially in order to find out details about the incident. These details are used to establish campus statistics about sexual assault, in order to determine if there is a pattern of assault in certain places or among certain groups.

Tests are given to see if the victim was drugged or if any sexually transmitted diseases were contracted. If any STD's are detected, the student immediately receives medication.

Moreth and the rest of the staff at the Health and Wellness Center want students to know that any student who has been sexually assaulted will receive safe, confidential care. Moreth said she is "trying to provide confidential and expert care and make it as private and comfortable for the student as possible."

For more information about the sexual assault program at the Health and Wellness Center, call 516-8270.

Looking a little harder

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"Jihad is not and never has been a sixth pillar of Islam," said Badawi, but rather Jihad is needed for all parts of Islam. Jihad is needed to pray, to fast, to give charity and to do any of the other things commanded by God because you are struggling against your own desire not to do them.

When addressing the war issue, he said that, according to true Islam, fighting is only permissible for justification, such as self-defense or removing oppression, and jihad will only be accepted of "the one who fights so the Word of God becomes supreme."

For me, Badawi's talk was very informational since I knew nothing about Jihad. For Muslim students, however, it seemed to be more controversial. Many students said that it was a difficult topic and he handled it well.

Senior Simeon George commented that Badawi "had some insightful comments on the subject and he supported his argument with lines from the Qur'an. I was impressed by him."

I too was impressed, not just by Badawi, but by the Muslim Student Association (MSA) for providing such a great opportunity. Their goal,

as stated by president Mustafa Ahmed, was "to bridge the gap between Muslims and non-Muslims in an effort to strengthen the community feeling on the Hopkins campus." From the speakers to inviting people to come watch Friday prayers on the upper quad and join them in making lunches for the homeless on Saturday, the MSA did a great job of welcoming people who just wanted to know more about Islam, like myself.

After going to most of the events of Islam Awareness week, I don't feel like Islam was pushed at me, or that Muslim students condemn me because I am Christian, but I do feel challenged to study what I believe and to look a little harder at Islam. As a Christian, I heard many things this week that I could never believe or agree with, but I heard many more things that I understood and want to learn more about.

The MSA has meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Gilman 37. These are relatively casual discussion groups which address various Islamic topics and are open to anyone, including those who are interested in learning more about Islam. Perhaps I will see you there.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Galileo's Banquet is a delicious poetic feast

Writing Seminars graduate Ned Balbo reaches for the stars

BY CARA GITLIN
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After reading Ned Balbo's book of poetry, *Galileo's Banquet*, I offer a few words of advice. This book should come with a warning label that explicitly states the following: "Poems must be read in the order they are presented. Disregarding the preceding information will lead only to deep confusion and possibly even utter bewilderment." This book is without question fascinating and awe-inspiring, but some of its virtues are overlooked if great care is not taken while reading it.

Many of Balbo's poems describe a historical event, such as the Challenger explosion, and those are fine if read by themselves. However, the second of the book's four sections contains a selection of extremely emotional poems about aspects of Balbo's very complicated personal life. Only after studying the poems and their introductions very intently was I able to deduce how the people mentioned are related to him and who exactly was speaking.

This section was arranged as it is because none of these poems will make any sense whatsoever if read out of order. They are not part of a series but more like chapters in a book, and their placement is not to be adjusted in any way. Each successive poem delves deeper and deeper into the trauma that was Balbo's childhood. It is crucial to have an idea of the relationship between the speaker and the subject, otherwise his point will not be properly communicated. To put it lightly, Balbo's family situation was not quite normal when he was growing up. Translated: This man deserves a week of *Jerry Springer* shows dedicated solely to him.

To clarify this, the simplest thing to do would be to outline his family tree. (I warn you: Pay close attention here.) His biological parents are Elaine and Don, but he was raised by his mother's sister, Elizabeth, and her husband, Carmine. He was led to believe the couple that raised him, his aunt and uncle, were his real parents. His biological mother's husband, who is not his father, is the father of his half-brother Lance. He has a sister, Kim, who is also the product of his

mother's affair with Don. These facts only fall into place after careful analysis of the information presented. The saga begins to unfold in "Elizabeth and Elaine" and continues on from there. "Azalea Court, 1958-1962" is dedicated to Elaine, his biological mother, and exposes what must be very delicate issues for Balbo. The emotional outpouring conveyed in this poem is not easily equaled.

Not all of the poems are about Balbo's personal life. Many are also about the stars and the universe. The title poem, actually called "Galileo's Banquet, Sirturi's Bliss," is inspired by the banquet held in Galileo's honor in 1611 where his invention, the telescope, was unveiled. Interestingly, it is written in the first person from the point of view of a banquet attendee who describes the events as they unfold. In few words, Balbo takes you through the entire evening. From event to event, the

the sperm and the egg and, of course, the Good Twin and the Evil Twin. It makes a point to distinguish between twins and mirror images ("They're opposites!"). The poem races along, often changing direction in mid-sentence:

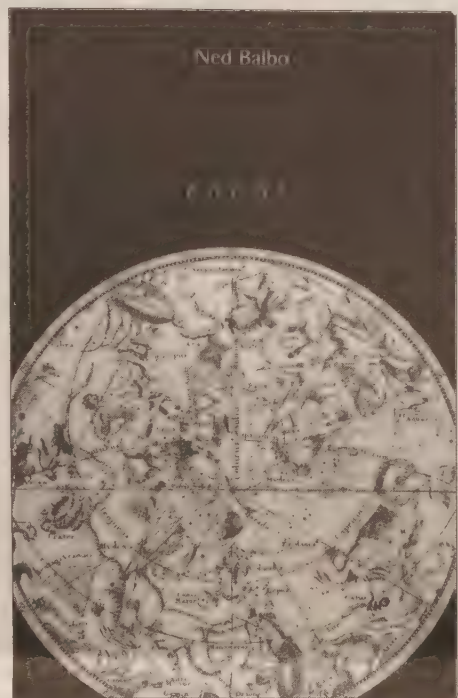
"The werewolf set free by the moon — or is it
The rising sun that frees the man?
The same,
And opposites — the Twin Problem again. It boggles the mind: twins nowhere, everywhere,
All like each other, unlike, all the same,
But never quite;"

Later on, Balbo finds his Twin, the other half of himself, and begs "Say when/We two will fuse under the stars again." The poem ends there, with his plea, which just left me breathless and marveling at how delicately and gracefully this poem was composed.

Balbo holds a degree from the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins and works as an academic dean for the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. The poem "In the Shadow of the Belvedere Hotel" describes the turn-of-the-century Belvedere Hotel on East Chase Street in our very own Baltimore. Balbo either takes on minuscule, specific topics, like an old photograph of his adoptive mother in "Home for Girls, Long Island," or tremendously broad ones, such as "What exists beyond the universe" in "The Boundaries."

This book was nothing short of a breathtaking account of a patchwork of themes, from the very personal to those that affect us all. When the topic of the stars comes up in poetry, usually the results are often trite and lack originality, for the universe is easily the most overused subject out there.

Here, however, those glimmering orbs in the sky have never shined so brightly (speaking of clichés.) You may need to read the poems a couple of times before you have any idea what they are saying, but it is well worth the effort. It is not often I read something and find myself in the midst of a revelation upon completion, amazed at the brilliance of it all, but *Galileo's Banquet* truly left me astonished on more than one occasion.



night flies by. Be prepared to be transported back three centuries and to find yourself seated at the dinner table with Prince Frederick and Galileo himself.

The most striking, (and, consequently, my favorite) poem is "The Twin Problem." The only one that contains blatant humor, it was even a little on the sarcastic side. This was close to being the longest one in the book but it was still relatively brief. "The Twin Problem" brings up a multitude of famous pairs: The sun and the moon, Romulus and Remus, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,

An interview with Gil Shaham

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At age 27, virtuoso violinist Gil Shaham embodies the Generation X of classical performers. Educated in New York City at the Juilliard School and Columbia University, he also represents a small circle of thoughtful young artists that are bringing back hope for the future of classical music, providing fresh, exciting and accessible venues to share their art.

After a highly successful concert at Shriver Hall, we sat down and spoke about some of his experiences and his take on the classical scene. Insisting I call him Gil, Shaham was incredibly personable, humorous, open to share his ideas and most of all, humble.

Q. Thanks for taking the time to speak with me. Bravo on the recital.

A. Thank you so much for coming. It means a great deal to me that there were so many young people in the audience last night. You guys were very inspiring.

Q. I was surprised as well — not that the hall was filled, but that as many fellow students came as they did. JHU doesn't have a music department, you know. Any thoughts on that?

A. Of course, I'm in no position to comment on the structure of a school, but my feeling is that classical music, in general, has a vast untapped audience out there. It's my belief that ten times more people that enjoy classical music would enjoy it if they were only exposed to it. Of course, I'm very naïve and idealistic about it. But the thing is ... music is primal and does things to every human. I don't know anyone who has been exposed to it and hasn't been affected.

Q. Can you express in some way what music has meant to you throughout your life?

A. Music is so fulfilling for me — it's irreplaceable. The thing that is great about music as an art form, as opposed to film, drama or visual art — and keep in mind this is just a biased violinist saying this — is that because it works on a more abstract plane, unconstrained by culture and language, it has the greatest universal appeal.

Q. What do you think of the state of music in American society at present?

A. Its lack of popular appeal is our fault, the performers. You know, we had a great set-up at the end of the last century. Concert halls were the largest venues to reach people. However, since then, the world has undergone a huge revolution. Now, the competition for the attention of people takes place in their living room through the television. We have been negligent to a certain extent. We haven't succeeded in reaching people. See, unfortunately, people are intimidated by classical music and they really shouldn't be. It should hold the same place as looking at a painting. Music is direct commu-

nication from the heart of the composer to the heart of the listener. It requires no prerequisites.

Q. It's my understanding you went to Columbia. Did you ever plan on another career than music?

A. Not really. I went to Columbia to try to keep up with my family. I come from a long line of scientists. My dad was a physicist, so I figured I'd go and take some math courses. However, no matter how hard I tried, I wasn't cut out for the science thing. I was always heading towards music. Incidentally, I decided to buy my violin in my sophomore year of college — that was when I had to begin doing some math of my own. (Shaham owns the priceless 1699 "Countess Polignac" Stradavarius)

Q. I come from a family of musicians that strongly warned me about going into music. How did your family treat your musical pursuits, given their academic nature?

A. My family was always behind me. When my dad was young, he had a crisis in deciding whether to pursue music or physics. In the end, physics won out. Maybe that accounts for their unconditional support.

Q. How old were you when you became aware that you might ascend to the position you now hold in the society of classical performers?

A. When I was a junior in high school, I received a call to substitute for Itzhak Perlman on a moment's notice. He was engaged to perform concerti with the London Symphony and had to cancel due to illness. Many people must have turned down the offer, because eventually they called me. So, that was my big break. I performed the Bruch and Sibelius concertos on back to back evening concerts. It was from that that I received a lot of media attention and began getting invitations to play with other orchestras all over the world. Suddenly, there were pieces on television and in the newspaper about me!

Q. How prominent are the other great Israeli violinists, [for example] Isaac Stern, Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman, in your life?

A. Well, they are all heroes of mine. I got to know the Perlmans the best on account of being good friends with his daughter. She was my first chamber music partner and I would often go over to their home to play through trios on the weekends.

Q. Do you still play for anyone on a regular basis. Teachers? Friends?

A. I am lucky enough to have a group of very knowledgeable and brutally honest friends. My girlfriend is also a professional violinist — she plays in the Sejong Soloists (a relatively new chamber orchestra created by

Juilliard faculty member, Hyo Kang). Q. Playing the violin at the high level you do seems to come so easy to you. Does it?

A. That's very flattering and you have no idea what you saying that means to me. However, the thing is I am so certain I have absolutely no idea what I'm doing. I make so many mistakes and probably am doing things all wrong. A couple of years ago I just started lowering my standards, you should do the same and it will help, I'm sure.

Q. How do you feel about the child prodigies of today?

A. Well, everybody is different and have different ages at which they can perform professionally. Some people have negative reactions to kids of thirteen playing concerti with major orchestras because they think, perhaps, the music isn't coming from the child — rather, it is a taught interpretation from a teacher or parent.

Q. How many concerts a year do you play, and how many hours a day do you practice?

A. I play around 160-170 concerts a year, practicing about three hours a day. Surprisingly enough, I usually get the most done late at night in a hotel room.

Q. Do you ever feel overwhelmed with that kind of responsibility?

A. Nah, can you think of another job that is this much fun where you only have to work half the year?

Q. Do you ever desire to expand your career to conducting or teaching?

A. I have no desire to be a conductor, unless it's of a train. Teaching scares me. I find it difficult enough just being responsible for my own playing and life.

Q. You think that will ever change?

A. Perhaps.

Q. What repertoire is next on your recording agenda?

A. I'll soon record the Bartok concerti and Rhapsodies with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Pierre Boulez.

Q. What music do you like to listen to? Whose recordings do you own?

A. When I'm not listening to the Spice Girls and Hanson (just kidding) ... I've lately been listening to vocal music. Not so much violin music, seeing as how that's all I've heard my whole life. However, I always come back to the old recordings of Fritz Kreisler.

Q. What advice to you have for aspiring musicians?

A. It's a crazy life, all about having fun and enjoying.

Q. Have you ever thought of dropping out and doing something else?

A. Occasionally I think about selling the fiddle, moving to the Bahamas and drinking piña colodas for a living. But, I love music too much.

Secret's out, but it's not Unbelievable

BY EDWARD WIPPER
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Since she first sang for the Grand Ole Opry at the tender age of thirteen, Lorrie Morgan's success in the country music business grew exponentially. A daughter of the country legend George Morgan, Loretta Lynn Morgan, broke into the business full swing with her album, *Leave the Light On*.

Eight years, a half dozen husbands, six major albums, a greatest hits CD and a Christmas album later, this versatile, spunky, powerful singer with an animal attitude has put together a brilliant compilation of songs dedicated to her father.

Secret Love mixes Broadway, big band and the powerful Morgan voice to create a truly beautiful album that Lorrie Morgan can celebrate with pride. Not often does a vocalist who careful crafts her image change gears so abruptly and surprise her genre with an album like this one.

Morgan's forte is a powerful, witty and heart-wrenching song packed with pain and gusto. Morgan demands, weeps and disses. Suddenly, for her father, Morgan puts away her trademark Brigitte Nielsen haircut and the spandex dress and dons a stole. One can easily visualize Morgan perched behind the microphone of a World War II piano bar or night club singing to the dancing audience in her beaded shiny dress with an eight piece band packing her.

Morgan certainly does have "The World on a String" as the bouncy song goes. However, Morgan dazzles throughout the album. The title cut "Secret Love" comes across in its original splendor. The most captivating element of Morgan's performance is the strength of its delivery and the confidence of the artist. Morgan is never afraid to take advantage of her ability to manipulate the musical scale.

The one drawback of this Morgan venture is the problem of authenticity. Morgan's voice, though strong and clear, lacks the traditional World War II delicate feminin-

ity with a touch of attitude. Morgan has made a career of deep, slightly throaty, and appropriately delicate.

However, what Morgan's voice lacks in the traditional '40s sound, her capable orchestra compensates. Specifically in the introduction to each song, her band immediately sets the stage and prepares the baton with which Morgan runs.

Though it will most likely be another year before we see Lorrie Morgan release songs off a new album for Billboard consumption (keeping in mind her *Shakin' Things Up* CD is still doing so) this CD is truly a treasure for Morgan fans and for those who enjoy music from the era of Big Bands, speakasies, Gershwin and feather stoies. Cheers to Lorrie Morgan for putting country music back on the versatility scale as well as the romantic's CD collection.

Sometimes bands and their lead singers ignore their strength and completely miss the mark with a collection of songs. *Unbelievable* by Diamond Rio exemplifies this industry mishap. Diamond Rio does two things well — corny and heart-wrenching twang. In both respects, they have an uncanny talent to make a song flow well. *Unbelievable*, however, is not their best effort to utilize their talents.

Diamond Rio's first release from this album is the notable exception. "You're Gone" is a powerful ballad that scorches its listeners with the melancholy breakup of a couple that have clearly loved for years. The brilliance of this single is not just its well-crafted lyrics, its eerie tone, or its

powerful delivery but that it makes buying the CD an enticing prospect.

Unfortunately, the rest of the CD breaks mediocre at times and reeks of album filler for the most part. The most deadly flaw that this album cannot overcome is its tendency for a redundant sound. For example, the opening cut, "Two-Pump Texaco," is a witty ditty about a third generation gas station owner in the middle of nowhere. However, its garden variety sound, a theme with no variations, buries the song's lyrical merits.

Again, other songs like "Miss That Girl" and "Long Way Back" are all right but they don't capture that magical quality that Diamond Rio has made their signature. Nothing else on this CD (exception noted) compares with even one song from the Greatest Hits record. "Unbelievable", the title cut, tries its best to recreate the special something from songs like "That's How Your Love Makes Me Feel" and "Imagine That" from the Greatest Hits album.

Diamond Rio needs to better utilize their lead singer's unique ability to twang with passion and their songwriters' ability to produce both the powerful and catchy music that fostered the release of a Greatest Hits CD. There are still remnants of that on this album. "I Thought I'd Seen Everything" and "I Know How the River Feels" are good songs that can succeed if released.

Nevertheless a band of this caliber can certainly do better. I certainly look forward to the next album where they no doubt will.



UNBELIEVABLE
Diamond Rio
Arista, Nashville

Come on and feel the noise...

Aerosmith gets sued by a fan who can't take the beat

Boy, have I got an opening story for you. It seems that Aerosmith is being sued. Wait, I promise, it gets better. They're being sued by a man in northern California who went to an Aerosmith concert last October. He's suing them for (ready for this?) playing loudly. Yes, that's right, he says he suffered hearing loss as a result of being at (as in, paying to get into) the concert, for which he was "not aware of warnings for ear damage." He's suing for medical expenses and salary lost due to time missed at work. See, didn't I promise you something good?

David Letterman has one heck of a confusing life these days. First, there was Margaret Ray, the woman who had been stalking Letterman for about ten years before she committed suicide a few weeks ago. In 1988, she was caught looking through his Porsche and claimed to be Mrs. Letterman and the mother of David Jr. (but there ain't no such creature). She's also slept on his tennis courts, dropped by his house uninvited, and sent him flowers and candy and stuff. All of these charges led to a total of 10 months in prison and 14 months in a mental institution. Letterman made occasional comments about her on the show, and he even included her on his top ten list of things he'd need to do before changing from NBC to CBS ("Send change-of-address forms to that woman who breaks into my house."). Then on October 6 of this year, she knelt in front of an incoming train, and, needless to say, she died. Now, Nellie Ruth Shirley of

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South Carolina seems to be intent on following in Ray's footsteps. She popped up in his driveway only about a week before Ray's suicide and was arrested. Her pre-trial hearing was last week.

Liv Tyler, who used to be attractive, and Joaquin Phoenix are reportedly splitsville. Tyler, daughter of Aerosmith lead-singer-who-looks-like-a-monkey Steve Tyler, is said to be dating a member of the band Spacehog, which, by the way, sucks almost as much as Liv's new haircut. Liv and Joaquin had met on the set of *Inventing the Abbotts*, and had been dating ever since.

Here's what the world needs: a Spice Girl being appointed ambassador. And you think I'm joking. The United Nations, apparently bummed that Elton John was a no-show a couple of weeks ago, appointed Geri Halliwell a goodwill ambassador on October 20. The ex-Ginger Spice, who probably had a longer nude-modeling career than any other UN representative (I hope), is to discuss "reproductive health" with European kids as a representative of the UN Population Fund. Well, at least she probably knows all about reproduction.

Al Lewis, who played Grandpa on *The Munsters*, is running for governor of New York with the Green Party. He filed a lawsuit with the

New York State Board of Elections in order to get permission to run as "Grandpa." Al Lewis on the ballot, claiming that people won't recognize who he is without the nickname attached. Needless to say, he lost the suit. Which is probably good news for people like "Widely-Disliked" Parris Glendening.

Yo La Tengo has reworked the theme song to *The Simpsons* for the show airing on November 15, where Homer learns that his mother had been a hippie. Appropriately, the new version by the modern rockers has a more psychedelic sound to it than the Danny Elfman version.

The new single from the soundtrack of the soon-to-be-released *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer* is called "How Do I Deal" is sung by Jennifer Love Hewitt, the movie's star. The actress had a singing "career" before her current life, consisting of three albums which nobody really bought. So, her new single's probably not so awful. If you want to find out, I'm sure 106.5 will be playing it over and over and over and over every day like it does with every other song.

Next Tuesday is a pretty strange one for album releases, highlighted by a Hanson live album and a Celine Dion Christmas album, as well as a release by Joe Pesci (titled *Vincent La Guardia Gambini Sings Just for You*). In better news, also scheduled are the Cardigans, Alanis Morissette, Portishead (a live album), Rage Against the Machine and the Rolling Stones. And just FYI, future releases include another Dave Matthews Band live album and still more Rusted Root.

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Allen Ginsburg wrote that he saw the best minds of his generation destroyed
by madness.

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I think I saw the best minds of my generation destroy themselves.

One stainless steel wrench clenched tightly, carried comfortably in my pocket,
solving problems with its heavy-duty momentum.

—Jesse Skinner

Dial-up for great music

BY DAVE BAUER
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Dial-7 is another California rock band. There. I've said it. End of story. But all is not lost to the prudent audiophile because this not-so-stereotypical band from Santa Monica gives us a semi-solid freshman debut with *Never Enough Time*, an album combining the rock, the roll, the funk, the groove and some punk attitude.

While the riffs and beats on the album are all refreshingly original and exciting, the lyrics on the album are very lacking. In addition, there are some pretty lame raps that I feel should have been left off entirely from the album. Overall, though, I would recommend this new release by Warner Brothers/Cornice Records to anyone who enjoys bands such as 311, Black Eyed Peas or The Urge.

The album starts off with "All I Want," a fast-paced song complete with catchy chorus, horn section and 311esque electric guitar. This song is about the band's drive to perform, and the fact that society can't "hold [the band] down" from playing their songs. The chorus states, "All I want is just another change to do it again," as the band claims that its only reason they play their songs is because it is their only want in life. In between verse two and three of the song, a rapping member of Dial-7 busts out with a rhyme about how the band is "living life like a blackjack." This aspect to the song could have been left off, for it served no purpose.

Another song on the album is "133." The music is great on this song, but the lyrics are seriously lacking in originality. For instance, check out this carefully crafted line by lyricist Shauney B., "When I was young, and doin'

dumb, my ass would get welts, not because I lost my feet, but because my ass got beat!" This line is very enlightening, don't you think? This song, I believe, is about highway 133 in California, and how the band members like to drive on the 133 when they have problems in life, because the problems seem to float away.

"Faster" is a little better than "133" lyrically, but sonically it is

tric guitars, a jamming groove, and Bone-Thugs-In-Harmony-esque vocals. It was at this song when I hit the "crossroads" of the album, because in mid-song, an Arabian beat is mixed into the song, and the vocalist launches into a phat rap about how death is not the end, and that one should look up in the face of a friend's death. The only unfortunate aspect to this song,



NEVER ENOUGH TIME

Dial-7
Cornice/Warner Brothers

carefully crafted to perfection. The lyrics are reminiscent in quality to "133," as per the following example: "Afros, dreadlocks, what a shock! Seems like the world's leanin' on my block. ... Because I'm black and I just might attract the outcasts, ..." Anyway, you get my drift, right? The music, though, is a little faster than other songs on the album, combining a piercing electric guitar riff with pounding drums and a tight bass line.

Finally, "S.J.L." combines elec-

mediocre release to a great freshman debut.

So my recommendation is to buy the album if you enjoy original music. I don't think that any of the songs on the album are very radio-friendly, though, so don't expect to hear these guys on anything but college radio. If, on the other hand, you like radio-friendly songs, wait for these guys to mature and put out a sophomore album, because I think there is definite talent lurking in Dial-7.

Hey, aspiring bards! This could be YOUR writing. Send submissions to the *News-Letter* at klr1@jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu

Unheard Voices

an interactive multimedia exhibit
of handcrafted portrait castings
& viewer activated oral histories
of sexual assault survivors.

Sherwood Room, Levering Union
Monday, October 26 through Saturday, October 31
Monday, November 2 through Thursday, November 5
11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 6
9:00 a.m. until noon

... and on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Robin Sawyer's lecture on Sex and Communication
Schafler Auditorium, Bloomberg Hall Sponsor: Residential Life

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For more information: Homewood Student Affairs Programming Committee (410) 516-3948
For information on sponsoring Unheard Voices: Project Face to Face (415) 864-3199 ptff@sirius.com www.ptff.com

Thursday, October 29

MUSIC CLUBS

Lupari, National Razor, Great Mutant Skywheel perform at **Eight by Ten** tonight; **In Your Face**, First Anniversary Party at **Bohager's** tonight. The night features **La Bouche, A+ and Lucas House of Heroes**.

ON CAMPUS

Justice Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court will speak on "Freedom and the Judicial System" at 8 p.m. in the **Bloomberg Auditorium** as part of the 1998 MSE Symposium Lecture Series.

There will be an information session for **Internships in Legal Aid** at 6 p.m. tonight in the **AMRI TV room**. There will be free food. Email Sarah@TyphoonMedia.com for more information.

Unheard Voices, an interactive multimedia art exhibit on sexual assault awareness and education will be shown in the **Sherwood Room** from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. The exhibit will run through November 6.

Are you interested in International Studies? There will be a **BA/MA in International Studies informational meeting** at 2 p.m. in **Mergenthaler 111**. Contact Elizabeth Hurd at 410-516-7537 for more information.

There will be a workshop on **AIDS Awareness and Prevention** today at 6:30 p.m. with the ladies of **Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority** in the **Wolman Meeting Room**. For more information call Nicole at 410-467-8581.

OFF CAMPUS

The **Peabody Conservatory** of Johns Hopkins Univeristy presents **The Traditional Instruments of Uganda**, a workshop by Dr. James Makubuya of MIT. In this hands on workshop, participants will learn to play a simple tune in an ensemble consisting of xylophones, lyres, fiddles, harps, and thumb pianos. The workshop is a free event takes place from 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Call 410-783-8585 for more information.

Ann-Wren Moessbauer, Museum Docent presents a lecture on **Starry Nights: Star-Patterned Quilts from the Collection**, the current exhibit at the **Baltimore Museum of Art**. The lecture will take place at 2 p.m.

Guest conductor **Hand Graf** takes the podium to conduct the **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra** in Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Symphony No. 1, Jean Sibelius' Symphony No.5, and will be joined by guest trumpeter **Hakan Hardenberger** on Leopold Mozart's Trumpet Concerto in D Major and Daniel Bortz's Trumpet Concerto Songs and Dances today and tomorrow at 8 p.m. Call 410-783-8024 for more information.

Friday, October 30

MUSIC CLUBS

Starbelly CD and video release party at the **Wyatt's** tonight; **Terrance, Simien and The Mallet Playboys** play at **Eight by Ten** tonight; **The Barnburners** and **Robbie Fulks** rock the night at **Fletcher's** tonight.

ON CAMPUS

Share a special **Shabbat dinner** with the **Hopkins Jewish Community**. The dinner will be hosted by the **JHU Jewish Students Association** and **JHU Hillel**. The kosher dinner will be \$18 for adults and \$10 for children. Advance registration only. The dinner will be in the Glass Pavilion at 6:30 p.m.

The **JHU Barnstormers** are proud to present the **1998 Freshman One Acts**. you will not want to miss this year's student directed showcase of our freshman talent. The play will take place in **Arellano Theater** at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3.

"1964...The Tribute" — Attend the **#1 Beatles show in the world!** A musical journey to an era in rock history that will live in your hearts forever.

The haircuts, the boots, the suits, the guitars, the music of Lennon/McCartney. Experience the magic...live! The concert will take place in **Shriver Hall** at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance at \$7 at the door for students.

Coffee Grounds at E-Level features a variety of student entertainment in a very relaxed environment. Performances may include, but are not limited to, music, comedy, and readings. The event is free and will take place from 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

This weekend **Theatre Hopkins** presents **She Stoops to Conquer** by **Oliver Goldsmith**. Ticket prices for general admission are \$10, \$9 for senior citizens and \$5 for full-time students. Call 410-516-7159 for more information.

The **Peabody Chamber Winds**, under the direction of **Dr. Harlan Parker**, perform at 7:30 p.m. in **Griswold Hall**. This program includes Willard Elliot's five Impressions; Stravinsky's Octet; and Herbert Haufrecht's Symphony for Brass and timpani. Admission is free but tickets are required. Call 410-659-8124 for more information.

The **Johns Hopkins Business Society** presents **E-Level night** from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. with a professional D.J. If you are looking to have a good time be sure to attend.

The **Japanese Students International** and the **JHU Japanese Department** invite you to a day of free food and fun. This event will take place from 4:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. in **AMRI MPR**. There will be a singing contest, games, prizes and a variety of delicious food. Call Makiko at 410-516-2616 for more information.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 4

ert J. Massa, Dean of Enrollment Services; and representatives from Arts and Sciences and Engineering to discuss advising and other issues. The forum will take place in **Shaffer Hall** from 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

E-Level Pub will feature an evening of entertainment featuring the **JHU Jazz Ensemble**. This 17 piece big band plays music from the Duke Ellington and Count Basie song books, as well as contemporary music in Latin, Jazz and Blues styles. Expect an evening of haunting musical merriment as well as the traditional Halloween apparition by the **JHU Pep Band**. Additional student musicians will also be performing following the **Jazz Ensemble** and **Pep band**. The event is free and will take place at 8 p.m.

E-Level Halloween Party will follow for those of you who wish to celebrate this "ghostly" holiday. There will be a special food "treat" for those who choose to wear a costume! Music will be provided. The event is free and will take place from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

The **Homewood Symposium** presents "The Great Escape: The Country House and Garden in Early America" from 1p.m. - 4 p.m. Lectures by Milo Naeve and Damie Stillman will examine the popular development of country houses, gardens and the landscape in the late

will include Lutoslawski's Variations on a Theme of Paganini and Poulenc's Sonata for Two Pianos. Admission is \$5 for students and seniors. Call 410-830-6055 for more information.

RELIGIOUS

The **First English Evangelical Lutheran Church** has a **Lutheran Worship** at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Call X8188 for more information.

Presbyterian Services (Contemporary) are held at the **Second Presbyterian Church** on 4200 Charles Street at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Grace United Methodist Church holds a **United Methodist Worship** at 10 a.m. Call X8188 for more information.

Monday, November 2

MUSIC CLUBS

You are invited to a special midnight release party of **Beck Mutations and U2 limited edition CD's** tonight at **Fletcher's**. The party starts at 9 p.m. and there will be free posters, CD

SPOTLIGHT



THE LOW DOWN:

What: The Student Group Concert
When: Saturday, October 31, 1998
Where: Shriver Hall
Time: 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

If you are in the mood for some music this weekend you should definitely attend the Student Group Concert this Saturday in Shriver Hall. You will hear the amazing and talented performances by Hopkins' very own Choral Society, Gospel Choir, and a capella groups, the Allnighters, Mental Notes, Sirens, Octopodes and Vocal Chords. This concert promises to be a real treat so don't miss it!

18th centuries. An optional walking tour of the exterior and grounds is included in the registration fee and will be offered at 11 a.m. For more information call 410-516-5589.

Saturday, October 31

MUSIC CLUBS

The first annual **KISS Coverband contest** takes place tonight at **Wyatt's** featuring **The Beltways, Barfly Celebrity** and **Signal to Noise**. Music starts at 10 p.m. and the winning band receives \$300. Also there will be a **Cool Costume contest**; **The Kelly Bell Band** performs with **Vibrasoul** at club **Eight by Ten** tonight; **Halloween Party at Bohager's** tonight featuring the music of the **great 70's band, Boogie Nights** and there will also be a **costume contest** so make sure you dress to scare.

ON CAMPUS

Weekend WonderFlix presents **Invasion of the Body Snatchers** (1978 version) starring Donald Sutherland, Jeff Goldblum, and Leonard Nimoy tonight at 10 p.m. and again at midnight. Tickets are only \$3.

Agape Mission Church presents **Hallelujah Party**. They will be featuring music by **reaction**. There will be food, fun and games for everyone. The party will be at 8 p.m. at **Wilde Lake Middle School** in Columbia. If interested meet at the MSE at 7:15 p.m. Call 410-235-4468 for more information.

Theatre Hopkins presents a special reenactment of the radio drama adaptation of H.G. Wells, "The War of the Worlds", originally presented by Orson Wells' Mercury Theatre exactly sixty years ago. The performance will be at 2:15 p.m. Call 516-7159 for more information.

Open forum with Dr. Susan K. Boswell, Dean of Students; Dr. Rob-

OFF CAMPUS

Start your **Halloween celebration** at the **Pier Six Concert Pavillion** from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. There will be a free concert and costume parade featuring **2 Skinnee J's** and **The Kelly Bell Band**. Win \$1000 for the best costume prize. For more information call 410-837-INFO.

SPORTS

Cheer the **Hopkins Football Team** as they tackle the **Dickinson Team** at the **Athletic Center** at 1 p.m.

The **Women's Field Hockey Team** plays against **Franklin and Marshall** at the **Homewood Field** at 5 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the **Men's Soccer Team** plays against **Dickinson** at the **Athletic Center**.

Sunday, November 1

OFF CAMPUS

The **Peabody Preparatory's Young Peoples' String Program**, under the direction of **Rebecca Henry**, presents its annual **Halloween Concert** at 3 p.m. in **Friedberg Concert Hall**. Admission is free. Call 410-659-8124 for more information.

Towson University, College of Fine Arts presents a **Faculty Recital**. Lawrence Crawford and Renaldo Reyes will present a concert at the **Center for Arts Concert Hall**. Music

singles and more.

OFF CAMPUS

The **Baltimore Folk Music Society (BFMS)** presents **English Country Dancing** at 8 p.m. every Monday at the **Lovely Lane Church**. Tickets are \$8 for non-members. There will be a beginners' workshop at 7:15 p.m. which is included in the cost of the evening dance. Call 410-740-3250 for more information.

CONCERTS

Does that name **Lyle Lovett** sound familiar? Yes, he's the one who was married to **Julia Roberts** for awhile. **Lyle Lovett** performs at the **G.M.U. Center for The Arts** tonight. For time and tickets information call 410-481-SEAT.

Tuesday, November 3

OFF CAMPUS

Towson University Chamber Orchestra makes its debut performance with Stravinsky's Monumentum: Pro Gesualdo di Venosa ad CD annum, Bachs Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, BWV 1050 and Milhaud's La Creation du Monde (The Creation of the World). The concert will be at 8:15 p.m. at the **Center for the Arts Concert Hall**. Call 410-830-6055 for more information. Tickets are \$4 for students and seniors.

Wednesday, November 4



MUSIC CLUBS

Ghost Box, the Roads and Emerald Tiers rock the night at club **Eight by Ten** tonight.

ON CAMPUS

Professor Pier Massimo Forni, co-founder and co-director of **The Johns Hopkins Civility Project**, presents a lecture on "Why Civility, Why Today?" in **Shriver Hall**. This lecture is part of the **Wednesday Noon Series** presented by **The Johns Hopkins University, Office of Special Events**.

The **PhD Career Choices 1998 GRO/GSD Symposium** presents a panel on **The Science Ph.D. as Consultant** at 9:30 a.m. in the **Great Hall**. At 2:30 p.m. **Peter Fiske** presents a lecture, "To Boldly Go: Practical Career Planning for Scientists" in **Mudd Auditorium**. This event is open to all graduate students at Hopkins.

OFF CAMPUS

Pianist Benjamin Pasternack gives a recital in **Friedberg Concert Hall**, **One East Mount Vernon Place** at 8 p.m. The program includes Mozart's Rondo in a Minor, K.511; Beethoven's Sonata No. 28 in a Major, Op. 101 and much more. Tickets are only \$5 for students with I.D. Call 410-659-8124 for more information.

The **Baltimore Folk Music Society (BFMS)** presents **American Square and Contra Dancing** at 8 p.m. every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the **Lovely Lane Church**. There will a special band this week. Tickets are \$8 for non-members. Call 410-321-8419 for more information.

SPORTS

The **Hopkins Men's Soccer Team** plays against **Gettysburg** tonight at 7 p.m. at the **Athletic Center**.

Ongoing Attractions

MUSEUMS

A **George Gershwin Cenetenary Exhibition**, entitled "Kickin' the Clouds Away," opens to the public at the **Peabody Institute** on Thursday, September 24 and runs through December 15. The exhibition will be located in the **Galleria Piccola** of **Peabody's Arthur Friedheim Music Library**. Call 410-659-8257 for further information.

The **City Cafe** on **Cathedral Street** presents an exhibit, "Recent Landscape Paintings" by **Anne Jennifer Walker**. This exhibit is showing till November 15. Call 410-539-4252 for

more information.

The **American Visionary Art Museum** presents "LOVE, Error and Eros." The exhibit runs till May '99. Call 410-244-1900 for more information.

"The Pios and the Profane: Looking at Renaissance Prints", featuring 15th and 16th century prints from France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands by Durer van Leyden, and others will be exhibited from September 23 to January 3. at **Baltimore Museum of Art**. For more details, call 410-396-6300

Angeline's Art Gallery in **Fell's Point** has a new exhibit, "The Colors of Fall", which includes paintings and print drawings. The exhibit runs from September 7th-November 26th. Call 410-522-7909.

Mitchell Arts Gallery in **Annapolis** has an exhibit on **The Sculptor's Line: Henry Moore Prints and Maquettes**. For information call 410-626-2556.

Thursdays are free at **The Baltimore Museum Of Art**. The current exhibit is "Starry Nights: Star Patterned Quilts from the Collection." It is a beautiful exhibit, so stop by if you can. The museum is located behind **Shriver Hall**.

Walters Art Gallery, across from **Peabody**, has an exhibit on "Botannical Delights" from now until October 30th. For more information call 410-547-9000.

"Fantastic Tales: The World of the Supernatural" will be exhibited at the **Walters Art Gallery** from October 7 - December 13. These Japanese prints were a part of the response to the enormous upsurge in popularity of supernatural themes during the 19th century. Call 410-547-9000 for more information.

"Degas and the Little Dancer" is the featured exhibition at the **Baltimore Museum of Art** from October 4 - January 3. This exhibit captures French Impressionist artist **Edgar Degas'** fascination with the world of ballet. In a superb group of paintings, sculptures, pastels, prints, and drawings, the renowned artist's study of the ballet is illuminated.

The **Maryland Institute, College of Art** presents an exhibition "20/XX" from October 2 to November 8. The exhibition works are by twenty alumni artists from the last twenty years. For more information call 410-225-2300.

Dougherty's Pub presents "Labour by Singing Light: Paintings by Anne Griffith." For more information call 410-752-4059.

Perrelli Fine Art and Design presents "The Wide Open Show," an exhibit on contemporary art until November 28. Call 410-783-9244 for mor information.

Craig Flinner Gallery exhibits "American and French Village Posters" until October 31. Call 410-727-4941 for more information.

The **National Gallery of Art**

NIGHTLIFE

CLUBS

8x10, 8-10 East Cross St., 410-625-2000
9:30 Club, 815 V St., NW, Washington, D.C., 202-393-0930
Black Cat, 1831 14th St., NW, Wahsington, D.C., 202-667-7960
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Brass Monkey, 1601 Eastern Ave., 410-522-0784
Buddies Pub and Jazz Club, 313 N. Charles St., 410-332-4200
Cat's Eye Pub, 1730 Thames St., 410-276-9085
E Level, Levering Hall, JHU, 410-516-6219
Fletcher's, 701 S. Bond St., 410-558-1889
Hal Daddy's, 4119 E. Lombard Street, 410-342-3239
Harry's, 1200 North Charles Street, 410-685-2828
Horse You Came In On, 1626 Thames St., 410-327-8111
Ottohar, 2-3 East Davis Street, 410-752-6886
Rec Room, 512 York Road, 410-337-7178
The Vault, 401 S. Eutaw Street, 410-244-6000
Waterfront Hotel, 1710 Thames Street, 410-327-4886
Wyatt's, 1614 Estern Avenue, 410-732-8656

COMEDY

Bayou Nightclub, 3135K Street NW, Washington D.C., 202-783-7212
Comdey Factory, 36 Light Street, 410-752-4189
Improv, 1140 Conecticut Ave. NW, Washington D.C., 202-783-7212
Tracy's at The Bowman, 9306 Harford Road, 410-665-8600
Winchester's Comedy Club, 102 Water Street, 410-576-8558

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Adrian's Book Cafe, 714 S. Broadway, 410-732-1048
Blue Moon Cafe and Espresso Bar, 1621 Aliceanna St., 410-522-3940
Cafe Tattoo, 4825 Belair Road, 410-325-7427
Daily Grind, 1726 Thames St., 410-558-0399
Fell's Point Cafe, 723 South Broadway, 410-327-8800
Funk's Democratic Coffee Spot, 1818 Eastern Ave., 410-276-3865
Louie's Bookstore Cafe, N. Charles Street, 410-962-1222
Margarets Cafe, 909 Fell Street, 410-276-5606
Ze Mean Bean Cafe, 1739 Fleet Street, 410-675-5999

opens the much anticipated exhibit, "Van Gogh's van Goghs: Masterpieces From the Van Gogh Museum," which continues until January 3 and is open daily. Same day passes are available on a first come first serve basis. Call 202-737-4215 for more information.

Visit "The Dinosaurs of Jurassic Park and The Lost World" exhibit at The Maryland Science Center from October through February 1. Call 410-685-2370 for more information.

THEATRE

Arena Stage's 1998 season continues with the exciting world premier comedy, *Expecting Isabel*, which will be performed October 2 to November 22 in the Kreeger Theatre in Washington D.C. Call 202-554-9066 for more information.

Rent, the acclaimed musical, is playing till November 1 at the Mechanic Theatre, Baltimore Center for the Performing Arts. Call 410-752-1200 for more information.

The Wizard of Oz is playing until December 26 at the Timonium Dinner Theatre. Tickets are \$9.50 and this includes lunch and the show. Call 410-560-1113 for more information.

West Side Story is playing at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia until November 22. Call 410-995-1969 for more information.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile is playing until November 15 at the Ford Theatre in Washington D.C. Call 202-347-4833 for more information.

Gypsy is playing at the Timonium Dinner Theatre until December 31. Call 410-560-1113 for more information.

SPECIAL

The Living Sea opens October 2 and plays until February 4 at the Maryland Science Center. The movie captures in detail a wet underworld life that's home to a far wider diversity of life forms than anywhere else on Earth.

Campus Notes

Why study abroad? International experience is crucial to a competitive resume. You need skills to work in the global arena. National Security Education Program (NSEP) provides opportunities for Americans to study in regions critical to U.S. national interests (excluding Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand). Award amounts are up to a maximum of \$8000 per semester. You must be a U.S. citizen and enrolled as an undergraduate at a U.S. university, college or community college. Scholarships are for study in Summer '99, Fall '99 and/or Spring '00. For applications, contact your NSEP campus Representative or the NSEP office at 1-800-618-NSEP. The deadline for application is February 8, 1999.

Work-Study or non-Work-Study student needed on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during months of October, November, February, March and April to set up room and greet speaker for the Wednesday Noon Series held in Shriver Hall. Call Audrey Minter, 516-7157, or e-mail aud@jhu.edu to inquire about this position, which pays \$6.50/hour.

Looking for a supportive/confidential environment to explore issues relating to your sexual orientation? The JHU Counseling Center offers a support group for lesbian, bisexual and gay undergrad and grad students. For more information, please contact Laura Hoffman at 410-516-8278.

The Johns Hopkins International Society is looking for English as a Second Language instructors to volunteer for the fall semester. Individuals who have tutored or taught English or any foreign language to non-native speakers, or are interested in gaining valuable teaching experience, should contact the Johns Hopkins International Society at 410-955-3370.

Campus Notes are provided free of charge as a service to JHU-affiliated campus groups. Please submit a brief paragraph to us by Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. by electronic mail (News.Letter@jhu.edu) or by dropping off a copy at our offices at the corner of Art Museum Drive and Charles Street.

DORM RAID

By Chung Lee



Clark, 11:04 p.m. — Brothers Jay and Matt Smith play a private dorm show Friday night.



Sylvester, 12:27 p.m. — The dorm that showers together... Ben Taylor, Mike DePalma, Jason Schloss, Jessika McCarthy, and Katie Carr emphasize personal (and group) cleanliness.



Jennings, 10:37 p.m. — A restless Matt O'Brien finds new ways to get around the AMRs.



Adams, 11:36 p.m. — Got the munchies? (from right) Sharon Braune, S. Brendan Short, Bonnie Chen, Kenny Chen, Kash Bahadur, Alice Lee, Steve Dong, Emily A. Vezina eat a late dinner in the hallway.



Jennings, really late — Don't even ask. Alex Kaminaris opted for a little late-night political satire last weekend.

CINEMA

Paul Walker and Reese Witherspoon star in *Pleasantville*, New Line Cinema's new dramatic comedy.



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Night of the Living Dead, Charles
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Soldier, White Marsh, Eastpoint, Harbor Park
Bride of Chucky, Towson Commons, White Marsh, Eastpoint, Harbor Park

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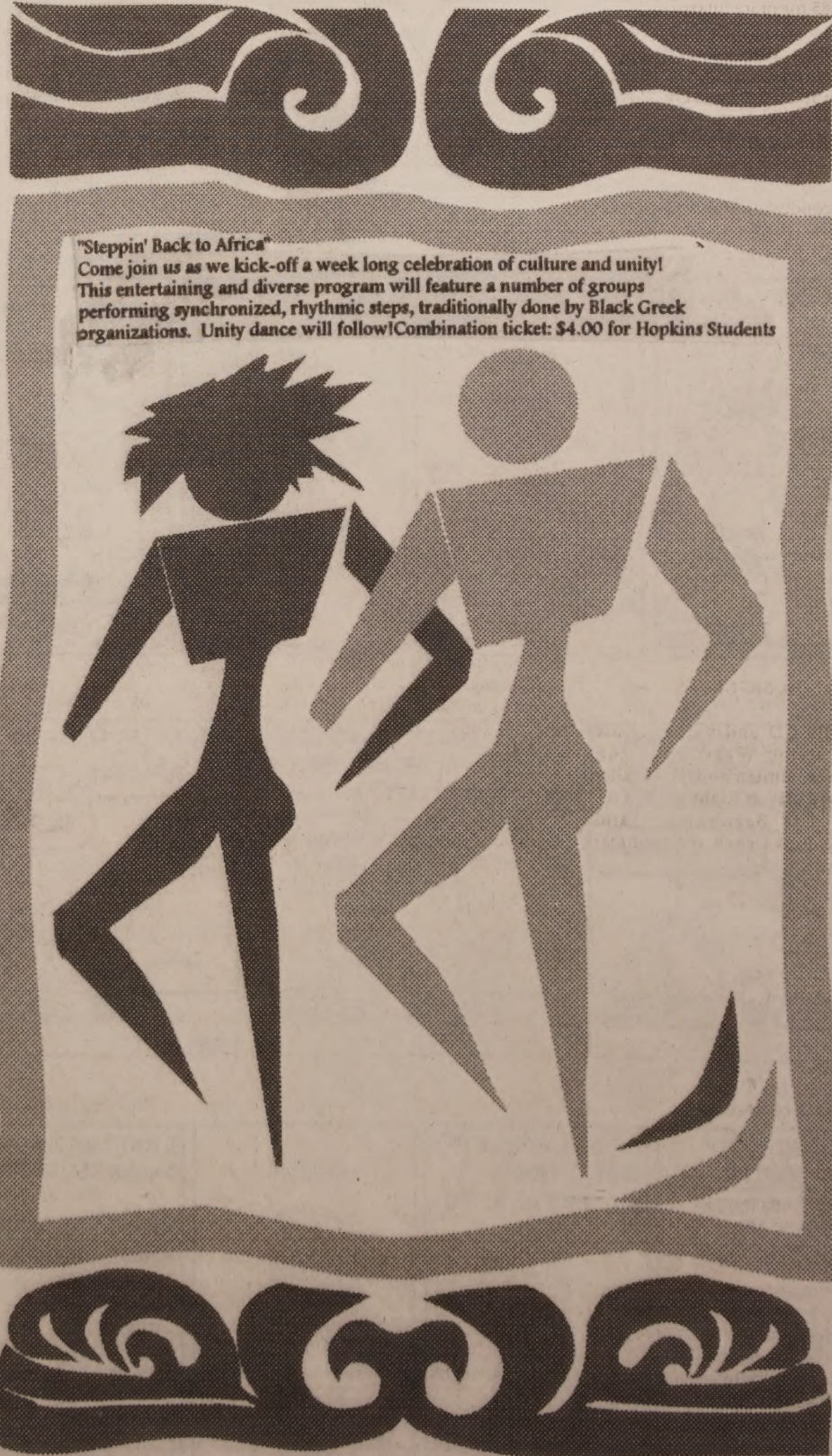
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CARTOONS, ETC.

your Horoscope



ARIES: (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)
Election volunteering can be fun. But not as much fun as Halloween. Just make sure that you're not too hungover to vote.



TAURUS: (APRIL 20-MAY 20)
Day four of the candy wrapper watch: Stay away from those generic orange or black-wrapped candies. They're the worst.



GEMINI: (MAY 21-JUNE 20)
Is it too late to get friends to go trick-or-treating? Of course not. Get some friends to go with you. You can dress up in full Kiss regalia.



CANCER: (JUNE 21-JULY 22)
Near the end of the week you'll have an extremely pleasant surprise. Your mom will send candy in a Halloween care package.



LEO: (JULY 23-AUGUST 22)
Stop beating around the bush. Get that homework done and then put your Halloween costume on. You look great dressed up as a drunk.



VIRGO: (AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22)
Republicans are set for the ultimate Halloween trick. No, not impeachment hearings. I'm talking about Newt Gingrich running for president.



LIBRA: (SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22)
And you thought you were too old to trick-or-treat. You're young at heart, and that's all that matters. Grab your pillow case and go get all that candy.



SCORPIO: (OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21)
Corporate jobs can be good, but the interviews for them are big fun. They'll fly you first class, so get drunk on the plane both before and after.



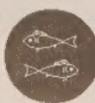
SAGITTARIUS: (NOVEMBER 22 - DEC. 21)
Fascism wouldn't allow a great holiday like Halloween. It doesn't matter what religion you are. It's simply all about candy.



CAPRICORN: (DEC. 23 - JANUARY 19)
Vote for your favorite Halloween costume: Monica Lewinsky, Dracula, a vacuum or a Baltimore Ravens player. Who cares? They all suck.



AQUARIUS: (JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18)
For just a second think about how that kid would feel if you stole his candy. Just go out and buy your own. You don't want to warp a kid's childhood.



PISCES: (FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20)
Democrats are like that sweet, 20-something couple that gives out full-size candy bars. They won't even make you say, "Trick-or-treat."

Pumpkin cake: It's for us big kids

With Rachel's help, you won't go hungry this Halloween

Think about it: Halloween is a holiday that brings food to mind. When I think about trick or treating in my younger days, I remember the joys of candy corn, Slim Jims, Snickers, Three Musketeers, Rollos, Jolly Ranchers, Butterfingers, mini-boxes of Whoppers and every other kind of candy under the sun. From the moment I got home and shrugged off my bright pink clown suit or cheap lavender princess gown knockoff, I would eat candy nonstop, and it still took me days to consume all that I had gathered.

What never occurred to me in my simple-minded youth, though, was how ravenously hungry all the moms and dads who bestowed that candy upon me must have been. However, when I got old enough to hand out candy myself, I realized that giving out food but not being able to eat it is one of life's greatest tortures. There I was, faced with the temptation of chocolate and hard candy galore, and all I could do was sit by and watch while chubby, grubby little children gobbled it up. By the end of the night I was starving, and there was almost nothing left in our giant green candy bowl.

You probably won't be passing out much candy this year, since many of

you live in dorms, and even if you don't, most moms aren't going to encourage their children to knock on strange doors in Baltimore City. But I don't want you to get depressed sitting around your dorm room or apartment thinking about all that candy you racked up when you were younger. So make Georgia resident Wilda Bullard's delicious Pumpkin Cake recipe this Halloween and reclaim the happiness of the holiday for big kids and grown-ups.

PUMPKIN CAKE

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup corn oil
- 4 eggs, well beaten
- 2 cups canned or cooked pumpkin
- 2 cups plain flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. allspice

Mix sugar, oil, eggs and pumpkin. Sift flour, baking powder, soda, salt, cinnamon and allspice and add to the pumpkin mixture.

Pour into 3 greased 9-inch pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

Frosting:

- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1 cup sweet milk
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup coconut
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix sugar, flour and milk and cook

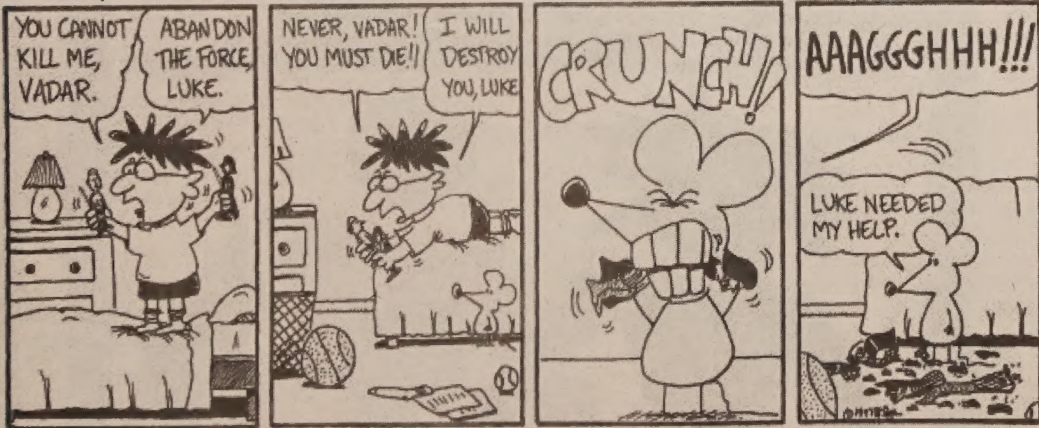
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until thick. Mix nuts, raisins, coconut, butter and vanilla and add to flour mixture. Cool and spread between layers. If you're really feeling frisky, just cover the whole cake with the frosting. After all, what is cake without frosting?

And if you're feeling extra frisky, dress up in your favorite costume (this week's Wordfind contains some excellent suggestions) and take all your friends a piece of pumpkin cake. Who says the News-Letter can't help you win friends and influence people?

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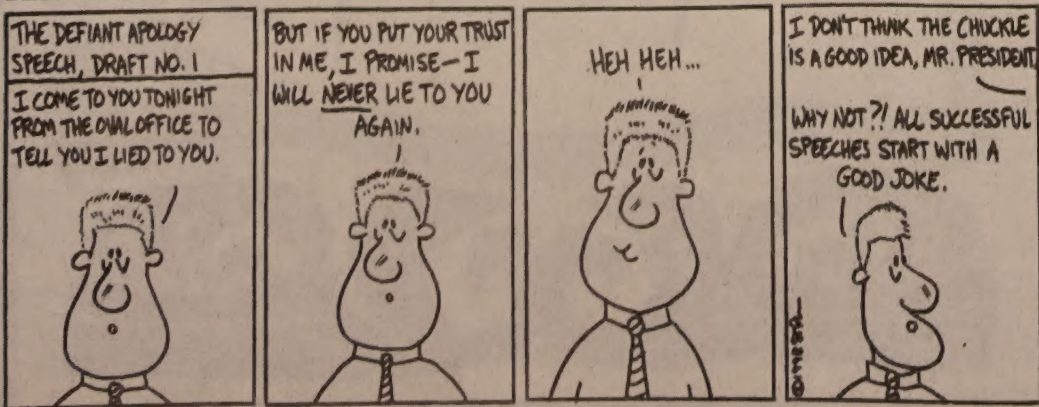
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Halloween Costumes

'Watch out Fells, here we come'

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By PATRICK DEEM



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THE VERY SCARYQUIZ

Night has fallen. Clouds cover the moon. The mournful howl of a dog sounds outside the QM's window. It's the perfect time for writing a Halloween quiz.

There's something that makes Halloween a bit more mystical than other holidays. Most holidays on the American calendar are associated with the Christian church (Christmas, Easter) or with American history or culture (Memorial Day, the Fourth of July). Thanksgiving is a time for the family. Valentine's is for romance. Halloween is a time for ghosts. Of course, most of us in the Hopkins community don't believe in ghosts. Still, Halloween seems unique to the QM.



Maybe it's when it falls. In pre-Christian Britain, most holidays were intimately connected to nature. Modern society can get away with not paying too much attention to the rhythms of nature. And yet, right at the end of October, when each day is a little colder and each sunset a few minutes sooner than the day before, everyone feels nature settling in for winter. You can't escape it.

Maybe it's childhood associations. The QM's trick-or-treating days are long gone, but he still associates Halloween with roaming the streets, after dark, in disguise. A far cry from unwrapping presents in a living room in December or looking for plastic eggs on a bright April morning.

All of this week's quiz questions will involve Halloween. All members of the Hopkins community, except News-Letter editors, are allowed to enter. Get your answers into the Gatehouse, or email them to News.Letter@jhu.edu, by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. Whoever gets the most correct answers wins a free case of beer and \$10 worth of food, which is more than most of us ever got from trick-or-treating. The prizes come from our sponsors, Eddie's Market and Eddie's Liquors, both conveniently located on the 3100 block of St. Paul St.

- 1) Last Halloween, the QM went to Baltimore's wonderful Senator Theater for a free showing of a classic movie most Hopkins students saw in their childhood. In the movie, Bill Murray is determined to rid New York City of ghosts and mate with Sigourney Weaver. What's the movie called?
- 2) The QM isn't sure what he wants to be for Halloween

yet, but he's thinking Kurt Cobain. Go a few days without shaving, grab some flannel and jeans, paint some needle tracks on the arm. Kurt fronted Nirvana until he committed suicide. Without their leader, Nirvana dissolved, but their drummer went on to form another band that has since had moderate commercial success.

- What are they called?
- 3) Lots of little girls like to dress up as witches for Halloween. Most people think of witches as storybook evil women, but there is a religion based on the beliefs of pre-Christian England whose practicans call themselves witches — although they prefer another term, also beginning with W. What do they call themselves?
 - 4) Halloween probably began as a celebration of the autumn harvest. Right now the QM is listening to an album by a rock musician with an album called "Harvest". (No, that connection isn't contorted at all.) This person, who wrote the song "Rockin' in the Free World," is called the "Godfather of Grunge," and is mentioned by name in the song "Sweet Home Alabama". Who is he?

5) Halloween isn't widely celebrated in Mexico, but a Mexican holiday in early November is used as a time to remember the dead and reflect on the continuity of life. This holiday has its roots in an Aztec festival held around the beginning of August, but Spanish priests moved it to November hoping to make it a Christian celebration.

- What's the name of this holiday?
- 6) You want your Halloween costume to be scary. During the post-WWII "Red Scare" in the United States, about the scariest thing you could be was a communist! Eek! The Red Scare saw all the civil rights of a bunch of leftists violated in the name of free thought. Crazy world. During the U.S. Senate set tee on Un-tivities to per-American ac-getting gov-workers fired litical views. What's the Senator who committee?
 - 7) Vanilla on Halloween, QM's job is to know the most useless information anybody can think of, and he takes that job very seriously.) Unfortunately, Vanilla Ice had a successful rap career for awhile, and also acted in two movies: the unforgettable *Cool as Ice* and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The*



Secret Of The Ooze. By far Ice's biggest hit was his song "Ice Ice Baby," which ripped a bass riff off of a decent David Bowie/Queen collaboration.

- What was the Bowie/Queen song called?
- 8) The 1978 movie *Halloween* is considered by many to be the grandfather of all horror movies — motifs for this movie were borrowed for the *Nightmare on Elm Street* series, the *Friday the 13th* series, etc. In the movie *Scream* (directed by alum Wes Craven), the characters watch *Halloween* and mention the star name. What's her name?
 - 9) Not many holidays are cool enough to have a vegetable associated with them, but when people think Halloween, they think Pumpkins, zuc-eggplant are all being what kind of vegetable?



10) The Lutheran church traces its origins to one Halloween morning when Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany in an effort to open up dialogue on church reform. What year did this take place?

- BONUS/TIEBREAKER:
- If you really wanted to scare people for Halloween, who or what would you dress up as? (No naming individuals unless they're famous, please.) If you feel really gung ho, suggest ways you could put together that costume.
- The winners of last week's cartoon quiz are David Drazen and Jonathan Thomas. Their drawing of the dancing beer cans took the cake. Congratulations boys. Thanks to everyone who entered, especially those contestants who submitted wacky beer drawings.

- ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ:
- 1) Beavis and Butthead
 - 2) Jessica Rabbit
 - 3) Azrael
 - 4) Eric Cartman (must have first and last name)
 - 5) *The Spirit of Christmas*
 - 6) Mel Blanc
 - 7) Ranma Nibunnoichi or Ranma 1/2
 - 8) The Tick
 - 9) Wallace and Gromit
 - 10) *An American Tale*

EXPOSURE

BY DOUG HOUSMAN

